SANAA (AP) — Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh made a strong overture m Saudi Arabia Tuesday to mend ties. In an interview with the Yemeni television, Mr. Salch announced the formation of a committee to oversee demarcation of disputed regions. "We are ready to solve our border cases with our neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia, within the frameworks of normal relations that would be far from being lukewarm," Mr. Saleh said in the interview. Border disputes needed "normal atmospheres" to help reach solutions, he said. The Gulf war, he said. "created an abnormal atmosphere and spread tension which involved Yemen and its Gulf neighbours. After we all cool down, and after stability is achieved in the region, each party will be conrectly reassessing its situation and will know who was right and ho was wrong. The present lukewarm Arab relations will be overcome in the near future." Yemen, he said, "did not commit any mistake against its neighbours. Different standpoints are only normal. But Yemen had no hostile stand against its neighbours on the Gulf or the peninsula at all any day."

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U.S. offers compromise to Israel

CAIRO (Agencies) - The U.S. administration has offered Israel a compromise on loan guarantees at at to end a bitter row which threatens to complicate Middle

A senior U.S. official, traveling with Secretary of State James ing with Secretary of State James are to Cairo Tuesday, said a promise six-point plan included a promise hat the administration would not isk Congress for a second delay on Israel's request for the guaran-

The United States would also reim-purse the Jewish state for the extra losts of any borrowing at higher interest rates as a result of the present had cor. our-month delay, he added.

Mr. Baker drew up the plan during wo days of inconclusive talks with arieli leaders on the loans dispute Visis in and arrangements for an Arab-Israeli
20 An. seace conference in October.

The official said the proposal was t spokes to furthest Washington could go realized towards answering Israel's request for two staff triving Arab states away from the

of flexibility beyond the six points... which are damned forthcoming," be

Even if Israel accepted the propos-at and waited until January, the loan rantees would not be unconditional. He gave a strong hint that the conditions would restrict Jewish setment in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip.
"(Israel) wants us m agree that come January we would not ask for any conditions on this aid respecting their settlement practices. That's just thing we are not going to agree to," he said.

"It's a question frankly of not being able to justify in our own minds, or m the other parties in the peace process, an unconditional \$10 billion infusion that doesn't have any restrictions," be

But Mr. Baker, at a meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Muss later, refused to say if be thought the loan guarantees should be tied in settlement activity.

It is widely seen that loan marantees now would encourage guarantees now would encoun Israel to move more Jewish into

make a land-for-neace deal more difficult to achieve,

The U.S. official said be understood the Arab position.

Mr. Baker was confident that if the U.S. did not try to postpone debate in Congress on the guarantees "the Arabs would not show up (at the peace conference) and who could

U.S. President Genrge Bush sparked the row with Israel and the powerful pro-Israeli lobby in the United States last week when he threatened to veto any attempt by Congress in consider the Israeli request for guarantees within four

The U.S. official said Washington would not promise even that the guarantees would be approved in January or that they would cover a specific amount of Israeli borrowing. The six points in the U.S. proposal

-The U.S. administration will not seek a further delay on the loans in

with Congress to draft the legislation

on the loan guarantees;

— The United States will try to

next month despite the outstanding problem of Palestinian representation minimise the effect of the guarantees on the U.S. budget and the U.S. taxpayer. This would ease the task of at the talks.

The secretary of state also met Palestinian leaders in occupied Jerusing them through Congress.

The administration promises U.S. support for loan guarantees in salem but did not settle the reprentation problem. Israel insists it must have the right - The United States will cover the

to veto the Palestinian delegates, a condition the Palestinians reject. extra costs of interest if Israel has to borrow money from other sources The Egyptian foreign minister told because of the delay in approving the reporters the peace process could succeed only if Israel stopped new - The United States will try to

President Bush Monday reiterates If Israel continued to press Con-gress to pass the guarantees now, "I think the president will be willing to his demand that the U.S. Congress delay action on the Israeli request and said his opposition to Israel's expango to the American people on this because it's their tax dollars that sionist settlement policy "isn't going would be supporting settlement activity," the official said.

He said Washington had made the six-point proposal to avoid a confrontation with Israel, an aim shared

"What I'm proposing is in the be interest of peace, and peace is in the best interest of Israel, and it's in the area," Mr. Bush said at a news conference with German Chancellor

"It is my view that the less debate we have on these contentious issues now, the better," Mr. Bush said.

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Iraq, U.S. head for clash over overflights

JNITED NATIONS (R) - Iraq ias set conditions for overflights of U.N. belicopters searching for ts weapons of mass destruction, md the United States called the condition unacceptable.

araq wants the helicopters to roid flying over parts of Baghlad, apparently fearing an attack m President Saddam Hussein, The Security Council warned

Baghdad last Friday of unspeciied consequences if it did not sermit U.N. teams to be flown wer Iraq in their own helicopers. The dispute has already nalted work by inspectors sear-hing for ballistic missiles.

In response, Iraqi Ambassador Abdul Amir Al Anbari said has sept. Baghdad would abide by council nandates but gave Security Council President Jean-Bernard Vicrimee of France a list of circumstances under which it would allow the flights, diplomats said. Iraq also seeks to exclude ac-rial photography and limit the

flights to two weeks. "Iraq's ambassador said the conditions related to high security reasons but most analysts here believed this had to do with the safety of the head of state," said one Western envoy, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mr. Anbari said Iraq author-ises also had to be on board the belicopters. U.N. officials said the special commission in charge of destroying Iraq's dangerous weapons had previously agreed to

U.S. Ambassdor Thomas Pickering said the Iraqi response was not entirely negative but is hedged about with conditions and the Security Council does not accept conditional application of

its resolution." He said the condition that the flights were good for only two weeks was "outrageous."

"The Iraqis have taken a move toward that and obviously we hope that very quickly they agree unconditional acceptance, Mr. Pickering told Reuters.

Iraq previously said that the helicopters, loaned to the United Nations by Germany, violated its sovereignty and offered its own aircraft and pilots to the U.N.

The Iraqi ambassador told reparters after he saw, Mr. Merimee, "we are ready to let the helicopters into Iraq providing that the operational use of the helicopters would be in such a way as to protect national secur-

"We have previded a framework for operation of the helicopters," Mr. Anbari added. An Ang. 15 Security Council resolution demanded Iraq allow the U.N. teams to "conduct both fixed-wing and helicopter flights throughout Iraq for all relevant purposes including inspection, surveillance, acrial survey, transportation and logistics without

interference of any kind ... "

Tug-of-war between press and

deputies reaches climax over

Palestinian found dead in jail cell

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) - A 16-year-old Palestinian girl was found dead Monday in her cell at Jerusalem's Russian

compound jail, Israeli police said. The girl, Shifa Makusi, from the village of Beit Aula in the occupied West Bank, had been detained last Wednesday for allegedly throwing stones at Israeli cars.

Israeli newspapers said there were no signs of physical violence and that the girl's body had been transferred for autopsy in Tel

Kamal Othman Abduliah, 48. had been bead of the council in Karara for the past six years, Israel closed down Tuesday as

Jews observed the day of atomement, their most important boliday, with fasting and prayers seeking God's forgiveness. The holiday, known in Hebrew

as Yom Kippur, is kept by the vast majority of Israel's 4.1 million Jews even though many of them do not ebserve other religious customs.

Before the start of Yom Kippur at 5:08 p.m. (1508 GMT), shops and restaurants shut down, airports and naval ports closed, all transportation stopped and Israel radie and television went silent. Even secular Jews do not drive en Yom Kippur for fear of being stoned by Jewish zealots.

Turkmen: Kuwait not to expel Palestinians

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — The head of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees said Tuesday that Kuwait does not plan to expel the Palestinian community.

persuade other countries to provide other foan guarantees for Israel.

"Even though we haven't resolved

this absorption aid question. I bone

and believe we'll find a way III resolve it short of a big fight," he added. He said Mr. Baker still hoped the

peace conference would take place

by the Jewish state.

Ilter Turkman, commissionergeneral of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees, also noted that the emirate has increased its contribution to his agency.

Mr. Turkmen spoke in a telehone interview after talks with Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah. The U.N. official also met a

Palestinian delegation representng the community in Kuwait. Mr. Turkmen described his talks with Kuwaiti officials as "constructive." "The Kuwaiti government real-

ises that the Palestinians have nowhere to go," he said. "They will not be forced to leave. That has been clearly pointed out." Mr. Turkmen said he was assured by the Kuwaitis that there will be no limitations on the

employment of Palestinians in the private sector. He said that the emirate has decided to increase its yearly \$1 million contribution to UNRWA, but he refused to give the new

A steady stream of Palestinians has left Kuwait since its liberation from Iraq's seven-month occupa-

Hundreds of Palestinians were detained and some were tried for allegedly collaborating with the Iraqi occupation forces.

The government has fired all

but a handful of Palestinian workers from government jebs and has banned their children frem attending Knwaiti government schools. The number has shrunk from

400,000 before the invasion to 50,000, including an estimated 25,000 with Egyptian travel docu-The travel documents have not

been honoured by Egypt, an ally of Kuwait, which effectively dais the Palestinians from Egypt. Asked whether UNRWA

would take any steps to help the Palestinians with Egyptian travel documents, Mr. Turkmen said be needed to collect more informa-"For the moment they are"

here," be said. "No deadlines have been set by the Kuwaitis. They'll be able to remain here like other Palestinians," said Mr.

from Lebanon by the Israeli

forces and are kept in Israeli jails.

They include Lebanese and

Palestinians who have been living

in Lebanon," Mr. Sharaa said.

the Israelis of trying to "torpedo"

U.S. efforts for a Middle East

peace conference by refusing to

cease its settlement programme

settlements, that proves that ...

Israel is not at all interested in the

peace process," he said. In Beirut, a British embassy

official said Tuesday that Britain

remained cautiously optimistic a

hostage release was in the offing.

tiator was quoted as saying he

received no new information

from U.N. Secretary-General

Javier Perez de Cuellar on five

Israel's chief hostage nego-

"If Israel continues to build

in the occupied territories.

Mr. Sharaa repeatedly accused

Sharaa: Israel should free all Arab detainees citizens who have been taken

BONN (AP) — Syria's foreign minister said Tuesday that all Arab prisoners in Israeh jails unst be freed as part of any deal that would win the release of Western hostages in Lebanon.

The foreign minister, Farouq Al Sharaa, also said Israel's continued building of settlements in the occupied territories "make peace completely impossible.": Mr. Sharaa was in Bonn for talks with Fereign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and ether

German officials. Mr. Genscher and Mr. Sharaa discussed efforts to win the release of Western bostages in Lebanon and the Middle East

peace process. Mr. Sharaa told reporters that Syria was continuing to strive to win the hostages' freedom, and that their release should entail no

But he said that Lebanese and Palestinians jailed by Israel are "similar to the hostages" and they too must be released.

"All hostages must be set free for humanitarian reasons, but also all Arabs beld in Israeli jails," Mr. Sharaa said. "We are referring to the Arab

Israeli soldiers still unaccounted for in Lebanon. "The process is moving for-

ward, but we have no firm news," British Charge d'Affaires John Tueknott said when asked whether he expected the release

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U.S. Congress clears way for unfreezing military aid to Jordan

in Washington

THE FOREIGN relations committees of the United States House of Representatives and Senate Monday lifted the restrictions nn American military assistance to Jordan which lawmakers had imposed earlier this year as a punishment for the Kingdom's per-

ceived official pro-Iraq stand

during the Gulf crisis. In a 10-hour "conference" session between the Hense Fereign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, senior legislators managed to resolve the differences between their respective foreign aid authorisation bills for fiscal 1992 and

The House's version of the bill, which passed the House in June of this year, contained a provision suspending the \$27 million in military assistance m Jordan until the president certifies to congressional committees the following: that Jordan has recognised Israel's right m exist; that Jordan has demonstrated its willingness men-ter into direct bilateral negotia-tions with Israel; and that Jordan

is not previding any nenhumanitarian assistance in Iraq. The Senate's version of the bill The administration has requested \$25 million in military sistance and \$30 million in eco-

and 1993. During the House floor debate on the bill, a number of amendments were presented as a clear signal to Amman that mem-bers of the House of Representatives were unhappy about what they perceived as an official pro-Iraq stand by the Jordanian gov-

These amendments found over-

whelming support on the House floor. However observers helieve Amman's "helpful" stand on the peace process has belped improve the country's standing in Congress. In a joint press conference with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker on July 21, His Majesty King Hussein said that Jordan was willing to attend a Middle East ace conference, to take part in a joint delegation and to end the economic boycott in exchange for a freeze in settlement activity in the Israeli-occupied territories. Members of Congress had openly expressed a desire in seeing Arab states take such a step publicly. When the Senate discussed its version of the foreign aid authorversion fit me toreign and automotion bill in late July, no amendments were presented to suspend economic or military aid to the kingdnm. Shortly afterwards,

retary Baker announced that Washington would release U.S. economic aid m Jordan. This is the first time since 1985 that the House and Senate have agreed on a foreign aid authorisa-tion bill. However, the president has threatened to veto the bill because, among other things, it authorises U.S. funds for the U.N.

Fund for Population Activities

which runs a programme in China, a country which has been accused of following a policy of coerced

In the absence of a foreign aid authorisation bill, the foreign aid appropriations bill serves to both authorise and appropriate foreign aid programmes. The House's ver-sion of that hill also contains restrictions on the \$27 million in U.S. military assistance to Jordan for fiscal 1992 and 1993. Before such assistance is released the president would have to certify to the appropriate congressional commit-tee that Jordan has taken steps to advance the Middle East peace process or that furnishing sistance would be beneficial to that process. The president would also have to certify that it is in the U.S. national interest to provide the assistance and that Jordan is complying with the U.N. sanctions

against Iraq.
Once the Senate passes its own version of the foreign aid appropriations bill, House and Senate members — known as conferees ences between the two versions of the bill in a conference session. The bill will then be voted on in the House and Senate floors. No that vote.

Jordan has said that it expects financial aid m help it cope with its

"I think we are acting out of conviction in saying yes in peace but there has to be some incen-

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Moscow sends envoy Yugoslav ceasefire

announced

IGALO, Yugoslavia (AP) -Yugoslavia's warring leaders agreed Tuesday to an immediate country was just days from "irret-rievable civil war."

"We pledge ... that everyone within our control and under our political and military influence should cease fighting immediately," European Community (EC) mediator Lord Carrington read from the agreement signed in this southern resort after four hours of meetines.

However, it was not clear whether the agreement would meet any more success than previous efforts to halt the fighting in war-torn Croatia. More than 400 people have been killed there since June 25, when Croatia declared independence from the Yugoslav federation.

An hour after the agreemen was announced, air raid sirens wailed again in the Croatian capital, Zagreb. Croatian media reported an air attack on Lucko, a suburb about 10 kilometres southwest of Zagreb (a Yugoslav air force jet was also said to have been shot down). Only about 40 kilometres away

from the meeting, the sleek silhonettes of two Yngosiav navy (Continued on page 5)

to meet PLO leaders

Husseini in London with U.S. letter

MOSCOW (Agencies) - A top set an exact date or issue invita-Soviet official will meet Palestine tions. cles blocking the planned Middle to attend as long as the PLO has East peace conference, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said

"We are trying to see what can be done in order to convene the peace conference in the Middle East. There are still some ebstacles and... we hope that our talks with the Palestinians and others will help resolve those obstacles, spoksman Vitaly Churkin told

He said Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Belonogov would meet this week in Tunis with Mr. Arafat and with Mahmand Abbas, a PLO Executive Committee member.

The talks are 'in accordance with the wishes expressed by both the Palestinian side and by (U.S.) Secretary of State (James) Baker in his recent visit to Moscow." Mr. Churkin told a news confer-

Mr. Baker is trying to make progress on the landmark talks. which are jointly sponsored by Moscow and Washington and tentatively set for October. Mr. Baker visited Moscow last

week but the two sides failed to

Liberation Organisation (PLO) One of the biggest stumbling Chairman Yasser Arafat this blocks is Palestinian representaweek in a bid to overcome obsta- tion at the talks. Israel has agreed

> no say in the composition of the Palestinian delegation and that none of the Palestinian delegates are from Arab East Jerusalem. The PLO says Israel is trying to sabotage the talks.

> "There is no doubt that it is in Israel's interest to obstruct the peace process and it will do all it can to stop this process," Mr. Abbas said in Egypt Tuesday. Mr. Belongov is scheduled to leave Wednesday for Tunis to

> meet with Mr. Arafat, Mr. Churkin said. He added that Soviet and U.S. diplomats have been working intensively in the last month to

break the deadlock between Israelis and Arabs. In occupied Jerusalem Palestinian leaders said Mr. Baker had begun drafting "letters of assur-ances" for Palestinians and Israel

in preparation for the peace talks Faisal Husseini, one of the three Palestinians who met with Mr. Baker for 31/2-hours Menday, told reporters that further talks were planned with Baker aides on

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MR. BAKER, **WELCOME TO JORDAN**

You are doubly welcome because, this hospitable country and its people deserve to be dealt with as fairly, justly and honourably as possible.

The naval embargo imposed by Security Council Resolution 660, though it did not specify Jordan, has affected this country and its

Despite our limited resources, we have had to pay in excess of \$100 million in extra shipping and inspection costs in one year. This has burdened the individual citizen both financially and psychologically.

We wish to enlist your valuable assistance in addressing the wrong that have been inflicted upon Jordan and Jordanians, by lifting the embargo, imposed on Aqaba, which has been one of the root causes of both our economic and psychological problems.

We are certain that during your meetings with His Majesty King Hussein and his senior aides you will learn more of the magnitude and reality of the end results of this embargo on Aqaba.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary of State, in anticipation of your kind and positive efforts.

M.H. Nahhas/chairman

The committee of businesses affected by the naval embargo on Aqaba.

public freedoms panel's report Shbeilat charges papers are lagging behind democratic steps; editors say not everything deputies say or do is worthy of coverage By Sana Atiych Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A long-running tag of war between Islamist deputies and local newspapers over press coverage of parhimmentary activities came to a head this week when a prominent member of the Lower House charged that editors had deliberately spiked a report his parliamentary group had prepared and distributed to the press for publication.

Laith Shbeilat, an independent Islamist, and Muslim Brotherhood members have for some time now accused the press of bias in handling their activities and demands. Newspaper editors, however, main-tain that their coverage of Parliament has been objective and

This week, the fend reached a simax when Mr. Shbeilat accused the editors of deliberately ignoring



tee, of which he is a member;

alleging ill-treatment and torture of security detainees. During a press conference he held at his office on Saturday, Mr.

Shbeilat accused the papers of bias and called on journalists to "light"

for greater press freedoms and

objectivity.

The report in question, which was issued and distributed by the parliamentary committee on the final day of Parliament's extraordinary session on Sept. 2 gave a detailed account of alleged abuses and torture against detainees by security forces based on interviews with a number of mea who were recently detained and later re-

The justifications for not publishing the report cited by editors of the major dailies varies, ranging from lack of knowledge about the policy and political reasons. Hashem Khreisat, editor-inchief of Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily and president of the Jordan

Press Association, said he did not receive in time a copy of the report, which was distributed to the press and deputies on the last day of the extraordinary session.
I did not know of this report until I saw it published in Al Rabat

(weekly) and when the minister of interior issued his statement," Mr. (Continued on page 5)

Saddam says no place for Western democracy in Iraq

Saddam Hussein, showing increasing self-confidence as he moves to consolidate his power six months after the Gulf war, says there is no place for Western-style democracy in his

In a broad-ranging speech read out in full for several hours, on Iraqi television on Monday evening, he also urged greater efforts to tackle the country's economic

President Saddam's speech was the keynote address to a top-level meeting of the country's ruling Baath Party last Friday that reelected him as undisputed party leader. The party unanimously adopted President Saddam's address as its guiding political

President Saddam said moves towards democracy in Iraq must not copy Western models.

He warned that anyone who adopted or admired Western values and attitudes "would not be allowed in any circumstances and conditions to take any post in leadership or direct the political, social and cultural life of the

Iraq's Revolution Command Council, headed by President Saddam, issued a decree two weeks ago allowing the creation of opposition parties.

But it reserved for the Baath Party the privilege of political activity within the armed forces and barred ethnic or religiousbased parties, effectively banning separate parties for the Kurds or the country's Shiite Muslims.

NICOSIA (AP) - Soviet envoy

Yevgeny Primakov arrived in

Iran Tuesday bearing a message from President Mikhail Gor-

hachev to Iranian President

Hashemi Rafsanjani, Tehran

The radio reported that Mr.

Primakov, a special Gorbachev

adviser on the fifth stop of a

Middle East mission, said npon

arrival that there were possibili-

ties for the two neighbouring

countries to expand their rela-

tions. There was no elaboration.

Foreign Ministry Under-

Secretary Ali Mohammad

Besharati, who met Primakov at

had always tried to maintain good

relations with Iran and ties were

now warmer than ever, said the

Iran is of increasing importance

to Moscow's interests in the Gulf

region since the demise of Iraq.

The Tehran leadership has ex-

pressed concerns about the

effects of the Soviet Union's

breakup upon its Muslim repub-

Mr. Primakov's visit was ex-

pected to include discussions on

that, as well as to try to enlist

Iranian support for a U.S.-Soviet

sponsored Middle East peace

conference and a halt to arms

deliveries to civil war adversaries

Mr. Primakov left Kuwait

Tuesday after a two-day visit that

aimed at fostering Moscow's ties

with the oil-rich emirate. He was

the first Soviet official to visit

Kuwait since its liberation from

Irao's seven-month occupation

doing its best to influence Iraq to

return hundreds of Kuwaiti de-

tainees and prisoners of war. Mr.

Primakov said the Soviet Union

was working hard to coordinate a

peace conference between the

Arabs and Israel.

He said the Soviet Union was

in neighbouring Afghanistan.

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BAGHDAD (R) — President United States, liberalism and communism, but did not spell out what democratic path the country should follow.

The press has said in recent editorials that Western-style democracy would not work in Iraq with its Arab and Islamic traditions.

In his first speech after the Gulf war. President Saddam pledged to introduce limited democratic changes including a new constitution, multi-party political activity and freedom of the press.

Friday's address made no mention of the promised constitution and multi-party system or the situation in northern Iraq, where Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy control a sector of the country along the Turkish and Iranian

President Saddam said the Baath Party should be at the forefront of all aspects of Iraqi life and criticised the government's "lack of serious action" to cure the country's economic ills.

Last Friday the party sacked Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi, who was appointed at the height of domestic unrest following the Gulf war with a mandate to restore confidence and turn the

economy around. No reason was given for Dr. Hammadi's sacking hut Iraqi media later reported he was humiliated in elections for the party leadership at Friday's meet-

President Saddam was prime minister until Dr. Hammadi's appointment. He named Mohammad Hamza Al Zubaidi, a party President Saddam attacked functionary scarcely known out-subjects as wide-ranging as the side Iraq, to succeed Dr. Ham-forces.

Party and one of its leading international figures who had called for greater political and economic

liberalisation in Iraq.
Iraq, under a blanket trade embargo since its invasion of Kuwait more than a year ago, is suffering acute shortages of food, medicines and industrial spare

The economy is in free fall with the country's multi-billion dollar overseas assets frozen and oil exports — the only substantial income earner - hlocked. .

Against a backdrop of rampant inflation and a brazen hlack market, President Saddam called for more efforts to stamp ont racketeering and warned officials against corruption.

The leadership and party should not accept anyone in the leading rank of government or party who benefits from the profiteers and criminals who are taking advantage of the poor and needy," he said.

He said municipal authorities around the country should take stronger powers unto themselves "in rectifying social disorder and price monitoring."

Iraq is suffering from a sharply rising incidence of crime and President Saddam acknowledged that there had been a breakdown of law and order in parts of the country, saying it had increased since the Gulf war.

The Kurds in the north and the Shiites of the south rose up against the government in the wake of the war, but the rebellions were quickly crushed by heavily-armed government

Black activist seeks driver

He flew out after visiting the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, where he said he handed in the summons. His visit passed without incident, execpt for a brief exchange of angry words with orthodox Jews outside Ben-Gurion international airport.

Rev. Sharpton arrived in the morning with attorney Alton Maddox, saying he wanted to trace Yosef Lifsh, the driver whose car fatally hit seven-yearold Gavin Cato on Aug. 19 and the airport, said Mr. Gorbachev sparked three nights of rioting in the Crown Heights neighbour-

hood of Brooklyn, A grand jury found no criminal

Rev. Sharpton went from the

Rev. Sharpton said Consul

The U.S. embassy confirmed

Rev. Sharpton said his trip was meant to prove to the court which is hearing the damages suit that

done to serve the summons. This, he said, "should dispel the idea that we came here on some

kind of stunt." Mr. Lifsh belongs to the Hasidic Lubavitcher community, and his whereabouts are not known. The community has a large vil-

He arrived a few hours before Israel was to virtually shut down for the holy day of Yom Kippur.

anti-Semitic and disrespected the holiday," said Rev. Sharpton.

"The question is, will the driv-

On his arrival, he said to reporters: "This is the day of atonement. Why not start atoning with this? Israel has a lot to atone for, like relations with South Africa. We're going to ask him (Mr. Lifsh) to do the right thing and come to court."

As Rev. Sharpton hunted for a

plained to reporters that by airports in general. Another man offered to buy

"We're not here to desecrate

Asked how he felt about being

in Israel, he said: "It means something to be here seeking

In the rioting, a Jewish student who had no connection to Cato's

| Maghreb union pledges total support for Palestinians

North African leaders have unified stand on the Middle East pledged their "total support" for the Palestinians and urged the of State James Baker hopes to United Nations to lift its war-time embargo on Iraq.

Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya promised to follow "with great interest" how a U.S.-engineered Middle East peace conference unfolds, a final summit communique said late Monday.

They also reiterated their standing position in favour of an independent Palestinian state ruled by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Arab East Jerusalem as its capital.

The five states of the Arab Maghreh union were represented by their heads of state, except for Lihya, Colonel Mnammar. Qadhafi instead sent his second-in-command, Abdul Salam Jal-

The union, a sort of common market formed three years ago, demanded that the United Nations lift its embargo against Iraq to ease the suffering of the Iraqi

Moroccan and Tunisian offi-cials had hoped that the five

Palestine National Council

(PNC) next week unless there is a

last-minute deal with Yasser Ara-

fat, one of their leaders said in an

The conneil is meeting in Algiers next Monday to decide

policy on a Middle East confer-

ence proposed for next month.

Khaled Al Fahoum, who heads the Damascus-based Palestine

National Salvation Front, said

Mr. Arafat had set the date for

the meeting before reaching a comprehensive agreement with-

the five factions opposed to the

policies of Mr. Arafat's Fateh

will be many absent from the

PNC." he told the Algerian news-

time for consultations between

the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) in Tnnis, the Damascus-based dissidents and

two Muslim fundamentalist

Abu Nidal, a former PLO official

nection with violent attacks on

the front wants the PNC to invite Fahoum said.

paper Horizons.

"In this state of affairs, there

Mr. Fahoum is asking for more

interview published Monday.

Palestinian leader says 5

groups will boycott PNC

ALGIERS (R) — Five Palestinian groups will boycott the Council of killing two leading

peace conference U.S. Secretary convene next month.

The support for the PLO and the mild pledge only to observe the conference indicated that foreign policy differences may remain strong among members ranging from the anti-U.S. Qadhafi to Morocco's pro-American King Hassan II.

The summit decided that one of the union's five institutions would be based in each of the five The permanent secretariat will

be in Morocco but the first secretary general will be a Tunisian, according to the final statement read ont at the closing session. This appeared to be a com-

promise to placate Tunisia, which had been anxious to host the secretariat since the Arab League moved its headquarters back to Cairo last year.

The union's failure to set up a permanent executive is often cited as one of the reasons it has been slow to carry out its plans, which include a customs union by the year 1995 and a common market by the end of the century.

members in Tunis in January, has

demand by the fundamentalist

group Hamas that the PNC annul

the resolutions of all previous

PNC meetings. Hammas advo-

cates an Islamic state throughout historic Palestine, not the PLO's

Mr. Fahoum said, "They (Mr.

Arafat's supporters) will desig-

nate to the PNC who they want,

but Saiga, the Popular Front for

the Liberation of Palestine-

General Command, Fateh Re-

Saiqa, a Syrian-backed guerril-

Ahmad Jibril are traditional

the right to attend the PNC. The

other groups are not and would

"If the PNC takes place before

there will certainly be a division

Mr. Fahoum, a former PNO

refusing to meet leaders of the

five movements in Yemen on

taking part.

The PLO has also rejected a

rejected the demand.

two-state solution.

The union's consultative

parliament will be based in Algeria, its supreme court in Mauritania, the Maghreb Investment Bank in Tunisia, and the Maghreb University and

Academy of Science in Libya. In a closing speech King Hassan said the new decision-making procedure would make the union more flexible.

Instead of talking all major decisions by unanimity, the heads of state could decide by simple majority, except in exceptional circumstances like declaring war, he said

The king, current chairman of the union, urged his colleagues to harmonise their ambitions with reality" and speed up the process

The final statement also condemned continued Jewish immigration to Israel

It said that to promote economic relations with the European Community (EC), the Maghreb's most important trading partner, a preliminary meeting would beheld on Oct. 25 and 26 between representatives of the Maghreb five and four EC member states - France, Italy, Portugal and

Sudan releases details of

foiled coup KHARTOUM (AP) - Participants in a coup attempt which was foiled last August planned assassinations of senior army officials and a two-pronged attack on Khartoum and an eastern capital, according to military spokesn

Major-General Mohammad Abdalla Oweida said in a statement that the investigation into the coup had been completed and that the information they gathered was based on confessions from the coup plotters. Gen. Oweida said that the

volutionary Council, Hamas and Islamic Jihad, all these will not be coup was plotted by a new group called "Ana Al Sudan" (I Am Sudan). He said it was made up of officers both in active service la group, and the PFLP-GC of members of the PLO and have and retired, as well as members of banned political parties and the rebel Sudan People's Liberahave to negotiate their terms for tion Army (SPLA).

The military government of Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir revealed the coup plot last month and said a number of gave no details.

Gen. Oweida said that police had been monitoring the plotters for one year. He said the arrested men confessed to planning to occupy key installations in Khartoum using army officers and underground members of the banned political parties which is

led by the Communist Party. At the same time, another group of plotters, mainly SPLA members, were to take control of the eastern capital Kassala which is near the Sudanese-Ethiopian border. The SPLA's activities are mainly in the south and Gen. Oweida said the SPLA forces were to have been parachuted into the town using planes loaned by former Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam who sunported the rebels.

Gen. Oweida said that an unidentified country had allowed the use of its diplomatic pouch to allow the plotters inside and outside the country to communicate.

He said another alleged coup plotter, an arrested merchant, confessed that he was recruited by a foreign intelligence agency also to facilitate communications.

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Jewish group asks to join PNC

TEL AVIV (R) - A small anti-Zionist attra-Orthodox Jewish group said Monday it had asked for three seets at the Pale Vational Council (PNC) meeting next week. Netere Karts (Guardians in the City in Armaic) has also offered to represent Palestinians at a proposed Middle East peace conference if the sone over who should represent them remained deadlocked. In a letter to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yame Arafat, the group which opposes the existence of the state of brasil said it was impatient to be part of a future Palestinian state. Neture Karta said that based on its number of supporters it should be allotted three PNC seats. "The Jewish Palestisians are not represented in this PNC. We request of you, Mr. President, to varrant us representation in this Palestinian parliament." said the letter sent to PLO headquarters in Tunis, Rabbi Moshe Hirsh, the group's "foreign minister," said that Neturei had yet to hear from Mr. Arafat but he was certain it would have places at the PNC meeting due to start Monday.

Europarliamentarians hold talks in Turkey

ANKARA (R) - Four members of the European Parliament began talks in Ankara Monday on the problems of Iraqi Kurds who fled to Turkey earlier this year. Mariene Lenz, a German Christian Democrat heading the delegation, told Anatolian news agency they had discussed Iraq and the return of refugees with Foreign Minister Safa Giray. The delegation was to visit the southeastern provincial capital of Diyarbakir and refugee camps in Turkey Tuesday before meeting Kurdish leaders in northern Iraq. The European Parliament decided at the height of the Kurdish refugee crisis in April to send a delegation to Turkey and Iraq.

Exiles throw eggs at Khamenel's brother

STRASBOURG, France (R) - Two Iranian exiles threw rotter eggs at the brother of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Monday as he arrived at the Council of Europe to take part in a conference, witnesses said. An Iranian opposition group said the participation of Sayed Hadi Khamenei at a conference or parliamentary democracy was an insult to the Iranian people and a violation of the values for which Europeans elected their representatives. Witnesses said two men hurled eggs at a delegation of Iranian parliamentarians led by Mr. Khamenei as they climbed the steps of the council headquarters. The two were arrested by police. Conference organisers said every country in the world, except Iraq, had been invited to send a delegation.

Ex-wife of Pollard becomes Israeli

TEL AVIV (AP) - Anne Henderson Pollard, former wife of convicted American spy Jonathan Pollard, was given Israeli citizenship Monday. "This is the happiest day of my life," Ms. Pollard told reporters after receiving her immigrant eard. Ms. Pollard was arrested with her husband, a U.S. navy analyst, in [November 1985 on suspicion of spying for Israel. She was sentenced to five years after pleading guilty to possessing national defence documents, but was released after serving 40 months. Mr. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison in June 1987 after he pleaded guilty to providing Israel with documents about the military strengths of Middle East countries. He recently launched an appeal, contending the U.S. government breached its plea bargain agreement. Mr. Pollard's conviction for spying has been ag embarrassment to the Israeli government. It has refused to take role in his defence and maintains he was recruited by renegade intelligence agents. The U.S. parole commission allowed Ms. Pollard a special 10-week visit to Israel for medical treatment in August 1990. The treatment for a gastrointestinal disorder later was extended. She was divorced while in Israel.

lraq says Kuwaitis hijacked civilian truck

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq said Monday Kuwaiti military personnei had hijacked an Iraqi civilian truck just inside Iraq and taken it away to Kuwait. The Iraqi News Agency quoted an official source as saying the Kuwaitis, in civilian cars, crossed into Iraqi territory near Sanam Hill at 7 p.m. local (1500 GMT) Sunday. "They surrounded an Iraqi civilian truck near an Iraqi post and took it to Kuwait," the source said. The Iraqi authorities are following up the incident with U.N. observers in the area, he added. The source denied a Kuwait press report that the Kuwaiti army repulsed an attack on a police post west of Kuwait City by Iraqi soldiers wearing civilian clothes. The report was "part of the continuing plot against Iraq," he added.

Britain, Saudi Arabia denounce settlements

LONDON (R) - Britain and Saudi Arabia condemned Israel's settlement policy in its occupied territories Monday as a major hindrance to peace in the Middle East. British Foreign Ministry Douglas Hurd and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal held talks at which they backed United States moves to hold a Middle East peace conference. A Foreign Office spokeswoman said: "They agreed the Israch policy on settlements was a serious obstacle to the peace process. They hoped the Israeli policy would be changed."

Baker's wife visits Masada fortress

TEL AVIV (AP) --- While Secretary of State James Baker was meeting with Israeli leaders Monday, his wife visited the ancient fortress of Masada. Susan Baker said she had spiritual roots in Judaism and wanted to visit the mountaintop stronghold because it was a symbol of the Jews' yearning for freedom, Israel Radio said. Masada, in the desert in eastern Israel, is where the last Jewish rebels against Roman rule held out for three years and committed mass suicide in 73 A.D. rather than submit to slavery. Today its ruins are a shrine. Mrs. Baker arrived by helicopter and spent two hours viewing the ruins which include a complex of palaces built by King Herod. She also visited the northern palace, climbing up and down 189 steps. Asked about her husband's efforts to broker Arab-Israel peace, she said there were difficulties but much hope, the radio said.

Soviet envoy who hit New York boy TEL AVIV (AP) — The Rev. Al

Sharpton, the New York black activist, spent three hours in Israel Tuesday trying to serve a summons on a Hasidic Jew whose car struck and killed a black

wrongdoing in Cato's death, but Rev. Sharpton said the boy's family was filing a civil damages suit.

airport to the embassy, then back to the airport before noon to fly via Frankfurt.

Michael Metrinko agreed to accept the papers. He added he would return Thursday to start extradition proceedings if Mr. Lifsh did not answer the sum-

that Mr. Metrinko received Rev. Sharpton, but it declined to give

everything possible had been

lage near the airport, but Rev. Sharpton would have had little time to go there and look for Mr.

He would have been unable to drive after sundown or catch a flight out until Wednesday night.
"If we waited here during Yom Kippur, they would say we were

er (Mr. Lifsh) respect the holiday by atoning for his sins. Before he goes to the 'Wailing Wall' he ought to go to the consul general's office to receive the court order," he said.

taxi at the airport, a half-dozen people, some wearing the garb of orthodox Jews, shouted at him. "Go to hell," yelled one

"I already am in hell," replied Rev. Sharpton, and then exhell" he didn't mean Israel, but

him a ticket home. Rev. Sharpton accepted and the man produced a credit card, but no transaction

Yom Kippur," Rev. Sharpton

death was fatally stabbed.

Oliver North finally wins Iran-contra criminal case

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PLO sources in Tunis have said on the Palestinian scene," Mr.

sought by Western police in con-speaker, accused Mr. Arafat of

WASHINGTON (R) — Oliver guan contra rebels. North, who ran the secret Irancontra operations from his White House office during Ronald Reagan's presidency, has finally succeeded in wiping out his criminal convictions for his prominent role in the scandal.

A federal judge brought the long legal battle to an end on Monday.

cided to give up the convictions because of legalities surrounding Colonel North's dramatic testimony before Congress in 1987.

Iran-contra special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh suddenly de-

Col. North used the congressional hearings to deliver an impassioned defence of the covert scheme to sell U.S. arms to Iran in 1985-86 and divert millions of dollars in profits to the Nicara-

Because the captivating and nationally televised testimony was given under a grant of immunity, none of it could be used against Col. North in the later criminal prosecution.

Mr. Walsh said be was unable to meet the tough standards set ont by a U.S. court of appeals last year of proving, line by line if necessary, that none of the testimony of the 67 trial witnesses had been influenced by what Col. North had said.

"North is going to free on a technicality — an important technicality, but a technicality nonetheless that does not address whether his underlying conduct was illegal," Georgetown University law professor Paul Roth-

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Iranian official concludes talks with Jordanian officials

AMMAN (Petra) — The Iranian foreign minister's advisor and head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East Department Mohammad Kazem Tuesday wound up a three-day official visit to Jordan during which he delivered a message from Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani dealing with bilateral relations and the latest developments in the region.

The Iranian official also held talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Taher Masri, Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Abdul Latif Arabiyat and other senior Jordanian officials.

He also delivered a message to Dr. Arabiyat from his Iranian counterpart, Sheikh Mahdi Karroubi, who invited him to a conference on the Palestine question to be held in Tehran Oct. 19.

In a statement Monday to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, following his meeting with Prince Hassan, Mr. Kazem said that his meetings with Jordanian officials were held in a brotherly atmosphere and that he had the chance to exchange with senior Jordaman officials views on various issues of concern to both Iran and

He said that the Palestine problem was of special importance to his country and described it as the central issue of the whole Islamic

Mr. Kazem also said that his talks with Jordanian officials dealt with the consequences of the Gulf crisis on the region.

Group calls for lifting of embargo against Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan branch of the Arah Organisatioo for Hnmao Rights (AOHR) Tuesday issued an appeal to the U.N. secretary general to work towards cancelling all U.N. Security Conneil resolutions which prevent the Iraqi people from obtaining food and medi-

The United Nations is committed to enhance human rights through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to uphold these rights under all circomstances to ensure health and prosperity to mankind," said the

"As long as the current economic embargo on Iraq is depriving the civilian population of medicines and food, causing the death of thousands of children and sick persons, the embargo should be terminated," said the statement.

It added that the Iraqi people in general and the Iraqi children in particular are suffering because of the embargo, which is a crime against humanity.
The statement said that in pre-

venting Iraq from obtaining its needs of food and medicine, the United Nations has violated its own charter and international

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The appeal called on all world organisations to work towards rescinding all resolutions that prevent medicine and food from reaching the Iraqi people and urged world organisations to support moves aimed at lifting the



NEW EMERGENCY CENTRE: - Health er Mandouh at Abbadi Tuesday opened the new premises of the first aid and emergency centre at Bashir Hospital. The new centre is equipped with the latest and most modern equipment in the Middle East. It includes four emergency operations theatres and an emergency hospital capable of accommodating 112 beds. In a press statement after the opening ceremony, Dr.

Abbadi said the centre will serve as a nucleus for a first aid and emergency hospital, which will provide medical services to all citizens from various parts of Jordan. Attending the open ceremony were Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Abdul Karim Al Kabariti and Minist Public Works and Housing Saad Hayel Al Srour

Jordanian-Yemeni committee to discuss expansion of trade

AMMAN (J.T.) - The higher joint Jordanian-Yemeni Committee is due to open its annual meeting in Amman Sunday under the co-chairmanship of Prime Ministers Taher Masri of Jordan and Haidar Abu Baker Al Attas of Yemen, according to an offi-cial announcement here Tuesday.

The joint committee will discuss bilateral cooperation in agriculture, energy, transport, communications, culture, industry, trade and education, according to the announcement.

It said a Yemeni delegation led by the country's Minister of Supply and Trade, Fadel Muhsen Abdullah, is due here Wednesday to take part in a joint committee meeting that would prepare for the higher committee parley on Sunday.

The higher committee last held

its meeting in Sanaa when questions related to joint cooperation



Taher Masri in the aforementioned fields were

Upon the conclusion of the Saoaa meetings, it was announced that the two sides holding a Jordanian industrial exhibition in Sanaa and on increasing the number of Jordanian teachers employed in Yemeni schools to reach 1,000 during

Also, according to the agree-ment Jordanian doctors and engineers would be sent to Yemen to work in various establish-

Jordan and Yemen have been cooperating in many fields under the guidance of the higher joint committee including energy, elec-tricity, education and industrial and scientific research.

Last May, a Yemeni delegation concluded talks with Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources officials on means of Yemen benefiting from Jordan's expertise in the exploitation of natural gas at al Risheh fields for the purpose concluded an agreeement on eco- of generating electric power.

of U.N. resolutions, reaffirms friendly relations with Jordan

embassy, on the eve of the South said the press release from the American country's independence day, Tuesday issued a press release reaffirming the strong friendly relations between Jordan and Chile and restating its support for the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolu-tions concerning Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"In connection with the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestine question, Chile's stand has been defined in accordance with its traditional pacifist vocation and in the context of all norms of international law as well as the principles that constitute the base

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Chilean of the United Nations Charter,"

In this regard, it said, "Chile supports the peaceful and juridical resolution of international conflicts and supports the international peace conference for the Middle East to be held in the coming month."

The statement added that Chile does not accept territorial acquisition by means of force and supports the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242, 338 and 425, which call for Israeli withdraw from territories occupied since 1967 and 1982. The press release said that

"Chile supports the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and an independent and sovereign state, the territorial integrity of all the states in the Middle East region including Israel and its right to have secure and internationally recognised borders."

The press release vniced "Chile's total condemnation of Israel's settlement construction policy in the occupied Arab lands and stressed that Chile adheres to all the elements of the Geneva Conventions regarding the respect and protection of civilians in occupied land and in war

British official completes visit, says he better understands area's problems

By Sager Abu Shattal

AMMAN — Visiting British. deputy under-secretary of state for Middle East and African Affairs Patrick Fairweather concluded talks with Jordanian officials Tuesday saying he is now better informed about the situation in the region.

"I have a much clearer picture than before. I have arrived obviously oot only at the position of the Jurdanian government hut also of individual Jordanians because one of the good things about a visit like mine is that it provides opportunities to meet a range of Jurdanians and hear their

views," Mr. Fairweather said. "Now I go away with a much" clearer picture on the way

problems of the region are seen here in Jordan and I am grateful for that as it is a very useful thing," said the British official in an exclusive interview with Petra following his meetings with Foreign Minister Abdullah Ensour and the chairman of parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

At the meeting with Dr. Ensour, Mr. Fairweather was briefed on the developments in the region and current efforts for a settlement to the Palestine question.

The chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Lower Honse of Parliament, Ahmad Innah, discussed with Mr. Pairweather questions related to the projected peace Conference in October and stressed Jordan's demands for a halt to settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

"This is my first visit. I have come here of course in order to hear from Jordanian ministers and officials how Jordan sees the political situation in the region, possibilities of successful developments towards peace settlement and a solution to the Palestine problem, Mr. Fairweather said.

"My visit was well timed since U.S. Secretary of State James Baker is in the reginn for the seventh time at the moment," he said. "I think that the United Kingdom, as a member of the European Community, sees itself as having an important role in sup-

Israel and the Palestinians should take the opportunity which is being offered by the

present initiative as soon as

possible, he added. On his planned trip to the occupied territories, he said: "I am going in order to see the situation for myself in the occupied territories. I should go to Gaza for example, to Bethlemen and to meet a large oumber of Palestinians and obvinusly I will be talking first

Mr. Fairweather is due to visit the Nabatean city of Petra Wednesday before heading for the occupied territories Thurs-

Water authority Director

Mutazz Al Bilbeisi told the Jnr-

dan Times last week that Jordan

has been living nn the so-called

red line for the past three years

and the situation was not bright

Mr. Bilbeisi said that desalina-

tion of Red Sea water was one of

the options for new resources but

that the project would be very

expensive. Other alternatives in-

clude drawing water from the Disi region in the south, which is

for the future.

also very costly.

about the peace process.



Abdul Karim Al Dughmi

Ministry to invalidate results of association's elections

AMMAN (Petra) -- Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Dughmi Tuesday said his ministry would not recognise the elections of the an Petrochemical Association scheduled for Wednesday. Mr. Dughmi cited the associa-

tion's violation of an agreement concluded with workers in the pharmacentical industries two days ago. Under the agreement. the association agreed to postpone the elections for a month to allow for new subscribers and for collecting contribution from members. Mr. Dughmi said that the association's decision to hold the elections Wednesday is a clear violation of the labour law.

Defending his ministry against accusations levelled against it by the association, Mr. Dughmi said the accusation that the ministry was interfering in their affairs were invalid because the ministry's responsibility is restricted to the more supervision of such associations without any interference. He stressed that the ministry has the right to monitor the associations observance of the law.

Seminar to discuss possible solutions to water shortage

AMMAN (J.T.) — Utilising modern technology to help meet the Kingdom's needs of water for drinking, industrial and agricultural purposes will be discussed at a seminar which will open here Wednesday at the Amman Plaza Hatel with Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Thabet All Taher presiding.

The seminar, organised by the Boyal Scientific Society (RSS), will focus attention on the desamation of Red Sea water in Aiqaba using renewable energy to help obtain new water resources for Jordan's needs. The seminar is organised in cooperation with the Italian Desert Consultants Ltd. and Termo Mechanica and Cesen, according to the RSS

It said that the Desert Consultants and their Italian partners will submit a proposal for the desalination of Red Sea water to meet the growing requiremens of



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the Aqaba region. There is a great deal of concern in Jordan over the future of water availability and it is widlely

In August last year, the Minister of Water and Irrigation Daoud Khalaf announced that the present water shortages can be overcome through developing new water resources, including desalination and water importa-

He said that the prospect for accepted that the problem cannut Jordan resorting to such projects be solved without cooperation will increase as the year 2000



OLYMPIC QUEST BEGINS - The Jordan mational soccer team was flown to Bahrain to participate in the preliminaries of the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. Other countries parti-

cipating in the preliminaries, which will be held between Sept. 17-27, include Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Sri Lanka. The Jordanian team is sponsored by Royal Jordanian Airlines.

Officials call for training of Jordanians to fill future market needs

seminar called to review Jordan's needs of workers in the industrial sector and services sectors between 1991 and 1993 issued a set of recommendations here Tuesday, stressing the importance of training as a major element contributing to the promotion of industrial production.

A statement issued at the end of the final meeting urged con-cerned authorities and public secfor institutions to create what it called "training units within their own institutions and to allocate sufficient funds and budgets for such activities

The statement also voiced the seminar's stress on the need in intensify information campaigns designed to encourage Jordanian traditional fields of work. It said special legislations

should be introduced to open the way for women to do any jobs. Women sometimes decline to take certain jubs due to the lack of proper facilities to encourage them to enter such endeavours, the statement said

Training is an investment which is required to promote industry, it added.

Most of the institutions covered in the survey conducted by the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) have expressed a willingness to start training courses to the local labour market, the state-

ment noted. to conduct a study on the pros- panies and firms.

to deal with the question of maintenane and other services related to industrial projects before during and after the establishment of

any industry.
The seminar called on the VTC to develop its training system to allow for on-the-jub-training courses, a process that would involve various labour unions.

According to VTC Director General Ahmad Atwan, the survey, conducted every five years, aims at defining the labour market's needs of workers and expansions in industrial fields. The survey, which covered 1,510 firms, gave details about the number of non-Jordanian work-The statement urged the VTC ers employed in various com-

Jordanian ambassador takes up post as representative to ALECSO

ambassador to Tunisia, Haidar Mahmond, Tuesday presented for credential as permanent representative to the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scienthic Organisation (ALECSO) to ALECSO's director general, Musari Al Rawi.

Mr. Mahmond said that Jordan was one of the first countries which believed in the importance of culture and its active role in the life of nation. Jordan's keen interest in culture and support for it was embodied since the time of the late King Abdullah Ibn Al Pressein, founder of the Hasheathe Kingdom of Jordan, who established the first Arab cultural forum in his court, Mr. Mahmoud

Mr. Mahmoud added that Jordan's belief in unity is still strong, despite all obstacles and difficulties facing the country. He noted

Dr. Rawi praised Jordan's role in establishing ALECSO and its continuous support for it. He that despite the fact that most thanked King Hussein and the roads were blocked in the face of government of Jordan for their our Arah nation, the road of contribution to the education culture was not and will not be field and lauded Jordan's blocked as long as we share the achievements in the areas of scione language of the Koran — the ence and culture.

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Parents, staff protest decision to transfer control of deaf centre

By Screne Halasa Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN --- A ministerial decision to transfer the adminis-

tration of a centre for the deaf from the Ministry of Health under the direct control of a government-run hospital on Sunday has caused an uproar among the centre's beneficiaries and staff and prompted a protest action for two consecutive days.

The decision, which appeared to have caught the staff by surprise, stipulates that the centre will be under the direct control of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Unit of Al. Bashir Hospital and the relative independence which the centre had enjoyed would be curtailed through administrarive procedures, making the head of the centre answerable to the chief of the ENT depart-

In light of the minister's decision, Dr. Subail Al Kayed, director-general of Al Bashir Hospital, Sunday also named Dr. Hashem Raja Masond as director of the centre, replacing Manal Hamzeh, who informed the Jordan Times that she hs not been told about the

status of her new position at the centre. Dr. Masoud is an ENT specialist and has just completed a course in andiology in

Health minister Mamdouh Abbadi maintained that the decision to shift the National Speech and Hearing Centre from the Department of Medical Affairs to Al Bashir Hospital was administrative and did not imply any fundemental change in its func-

parents whose children depend on the services of the centre disagreed. They said govern-ment bureaucracy would hamper work at the centre and deprive the patients of the efficient and prompt services they have been used to over the past

Some of the parents who were present during a sit-in in front of the centre Sunday said they were distressed with the new decision and felt that the centre and its current administration had been doing a good job in serving the needs of the

"Many children depend on the centre and the care that

they receive there from everyone," said Taghreed Yousef Jaher, a mother of three deaf children aged 19, 17 and 10. "I don't know if I can still trust it as much as before with this change in (status and) adminis-

> The centre is one of the few government-run organisations that employ the physically handicapped. One fourth of the staff here are handicapped, yet they are well trained to do their jobs, said audiologist Hamzeh, the former director.

Naiah Nureddine Tafaq, 27, who is mute, has been an employee at the centre for the past two years. Using sign language, Ms. Tafaq expressed anger and frustration at the "sudden" ministerial decision that she fears will effect the status of her colleagues and herself.

But in a telephone interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Abbadi insisted that the decision was "purely administrative," and that the newly appointed director of the centre, Dr. Masoud, is well qualified as a doctor and andiologist to run the centre and maintain its services to the public.

Organisations offer to help returnees

AMMAN (Petra) -- Returnees Welfare Committee sources said Tuesday charitable and voluntary societies operating in Jordan have expressed their readiness to ex-tend in-kind and cash assistance to the Jordanian expatriates returning home from Kuwait.

The sources said the assistance will be presented to the returnees through the governmentappointed Returnees Welfare Committee and the director of the Social Development Depart-ment in the Kingdom's various governorates.

The societies, which voiced readiness to help the expatriates, include the Near East Council of Churches, CARE Organisation settle the returnees.

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for Relief Works and the Near East Establishment, according to Salameh Hammad, chairman

of the committee, said about 300,000 people have returned to Jordan, straining the country's essential services. He said the committee is facing problems dealing with this huge task.

The Ministry of Planning said Sunday that the influx of expatriates has increased the Kingdom's population by about 10 per cent. Planning Minister Ziad Fariz said that the country would need at least \$4.5 billion within the next five years to absorb and

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition of naive pointing from Germany at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery.

* Exhibition of paintings by Omar Bood at the French Cultural

★ Exhibition of oil pointings and ceramics by Iraqi artists Nadisa Muhsen, Halim Mahdi and Halder Al Maarouf at Hotel Jordan

* Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Salam Kanaan at the Royal Cultural Centre's Exhibition Hal.

🛪 Art exhibition by Huda Khasrouf Mudbir at the Royal Cultural Centre.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

By Randolph Ryan Boston Globe

THE ISRAELI government and the Israeli lobby in the U.S. have apparently decided to plunge Americans into a Mideast policy debate that the Bush administration and most members of Congress would have preferred to avoid.

The religious Action Centre of Reform Judaism has reportedly asked rabbis to use this week's high holy days to urge pressure on Canarasa and the White House in support of a demand for \$10 Congress and the White House in support of a demand for \$10 billion in loan guarantees to subsidise a massive housing program-

The housing programme is effectively targeted on the disputed territories — the West Bank and Gaza — which have been under Israeli military occupation since the 1967 war.

The possession of these territories, including East Jerus the bone of contention between Palestinians uad Jews, Arabs and Israelis. The fate of the territories was, in theory, to be decided at a forthcoming U.S.-backed peace conference. The call for loan guarantees is a preemptive strike.

Although President Bush has asked leaders in Congress to defer

consideration of the Israeli request, their answer is not yet clear.

Instead of becoming sidetracked in a myriad of who-shot-Johns, Americans have to keep track of the basics. The Israeli governn is trying to moot the peace process by swallowing and digesting the desirable parts of the disputed territories. That land grab is already far advanced. But it has been thrown into overdrive since the Gulf war because of the threat of a peace settlement that might

stop it.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government issues petulant threats about what it will do if it does not get its way. The behaviour of Jerusalem resembles the acting out of a spoiled child.

The demand for an immediate \$10 billion is an insulting power play as well as the latest in a series of torpedoes aimed at sinking the peace conference by causing the Palestinians to drop out. But the Bush administration is in a difficult situation because, until now, it has been permissive of previous Israeli acting out (for example, accepting the ridiculous Israeli stipulation that Israel will have a veto over the Palestinian negotiators),

American politics has long been overwhelmingly pro-Israeli for a combination of strategic reasons and cultural and blood ties. Although little by little the strategic arguments for backing Israel have become less compelling, U.S. opinion has not caught up to the manner in which the situation has climaged.

Israel desperately needs financial support for many reasons above all, to settle the expected influx of Soviet Jews. But it merits that support only if its policies are in basic agreement with U.S.

This time Israel wants to take U.S. support and use it to defeat U.S. policy by swallowing the West Bank. The Palestinians are weak and they know it. In terms of power, they can in the short term be brushed aside and ignored.

But if the U.S. is sincere about establishing a just Mideast peace, ome remotely worthy of being part of a new world order, there must be a fair negotiations. In the meantime, settlements must

The powerful grass-roots support for Israel may still exist, but increasingly it has its basis in ignorance of the situation. The periodic headlines generated by the intifada do not begin to do justice to the evolving ugliness of Israeli policy in the West Bank and Gaza, or to the preposterous scofflaw nature of the Shamir government's negotiating strategy.

In the battle for American public opinion in the weeks ahead, two points are essential: The unfairness of Israeli policy and the existence of American leverage.

Many Americans, including many Jews, are dismayed at the path Israel has taken. The assumption that all American Jews think alike and therefore will automatically close ranks about the anjust policies of the Israeli government is basically an auti-Semitic tion. It should be buried.

Randolph Ryan is a member of the Globe staff.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

WE do not believe that world Zionism, with its open defiance and insults levelled at the U.S. administration, can stop President Bush and his secretary of state from pursuing their efforts to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily Tuesday. One reason for that is that the Jewish votes in the U.S. presidential elections were not behind the arrival of president Bush at the White House; another is that the Israelis cannot do without the huge military and financial aid to Israel enabling it to consolidate its hold on Arab land, the paper said. It said that President Bush bas showed his keennes on prusuing his peace efforts and directed warnings to the Israelis who in return accused him of being a liar. It should be noted that the warnings to Israel did not come from a president who bas tasted defeat nor from a man begging support from the Jews or facing internal, but rather smen wishing to impose a new world order that would guarantee the international legitimacy, the paper pointed out. It said that if Washington fails to implement this legitimacy, which can ensure the national rights of the Palestinian people, the United States and President Bush himself will be the main losers. This, the paper said, would make Mr. Bush look as if he had launched the aggression on Iraq not as be had claimed to implement the international legitimacy, but to achieve personal gains and only ensure the interests of his own country.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily cast doubts on American peace moves and said that the U.S. president is not a personality that can be trusted in the Arab World. We can not find one single reason for believing the American president about his so-called love for peace and his adherence to the international legitimacy. said Bader Abdul Haq. The columnist said that President Bush had allowed himself to adopt two kinds of international legitimacy: one for the Arab, on whom he had unleashed his forces, attacking Iraq for occupying Kuwait, and the other related to Israel's occupation of Arab land for a quarter of a century allowing the Jewish state to disregard U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338. The writer said that President Bush did not only allow Israel to set up settlements on confiscated Arab lands, but had also financed this illegal action and is helping the Jewish state fulfill its dream of creating a greater Israel. The U.S. president has allowed and continues to allow the Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel and to settle on occupied land at a time when he claims that Washington can do nothing to put an end to Israel's atrocities and occupation of Arab territory, the writer added.

Economic Forum

Laws are made to break

The devaluation of the Jordanian dinar was the most disastrous economic policy measure in the history of Jordan and most probably will remain so. It is not that this measure was taken in bad faith or that currency devaluation is erroneous in nature but there has to be the right environment for it to work as planned and desired. Such an environment is usually available in advanced countries but not in developing ones. Consequently, experimenting with this economic "devise" in developing countries is more like dealing with a time bomb by an amateur. Most commonly, the bomb explodes with devastating effects.

Correspondingly, the stabilisation of the exchange rate of the Jordanian dinar was one of the most remarkable achievements of Jordan. It derives its significance particularly from the fact that it was accomplished without expending much foreign exchange, not even the very meagre foreign exchange reserves which were still available to the Central Bank of Jordan when the present Governor M. S. Nabulsi took over in early 1989. The trick was very simple but powerful. The devaluation undermined the confidence of the dealers and savers in the dinar and precipitated a massive move of funds out of it. One way or another, Dr. Nabulsi managed to restore that confidence through convincing the public that the monetary policy is serious about maintaining the stability of the dinar, admittedly after he had banked very well

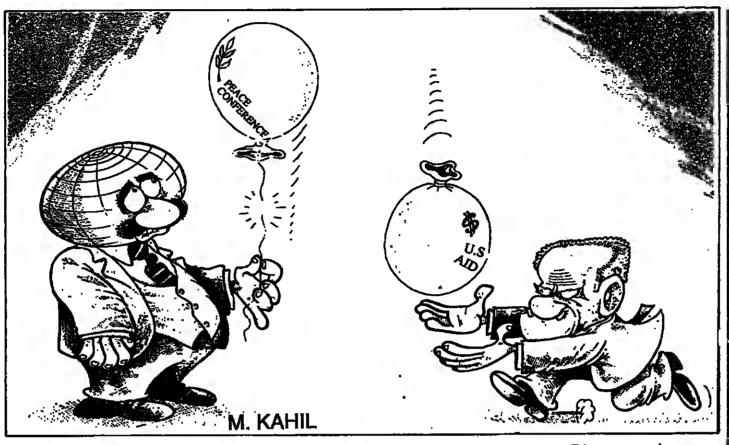
on the confidence of people in him personally.

Every now and then the question is raised regarding how long the dinar will maintain its stability. Conservative views, based on the factual levels of Jordan's foreign exchange reserves, suggest that the dinar will be secure for around 18 months. Other views, based additionally on the potential inflows of foreign currencies, raise the figure to 24-30 months. Our viewpoint is that these predictions are accurate but still not relevant. The dinar will be stable as long as the pre-mentioned confidence is maintained. Now, confidence in what? The answer is in the totality of our economic policy with its main branches: monetary, fiscal and

In the present state of affairs, what Jordan crucially needs is the confidence of savers and investors in the seriousness and commitment of our economic policy to the cause of economic progress. In practical terms, this commitment must unbelatedly be translated into a noticeable improvement in the investment

As our economic policy managers are working now on what is presumably a refined investment strategy, let us recall one or two basic points. To be effective, an investment strategy must encourage not only foreign investment but also domestic one. It also must not cater for a specific category or categories of projects or activities. Invaribaly, all investments spatter; economic progress is a function of the performance of each and every unithroughout the national economy. In advanced economies, each and every sector or sub-sector is advanced; otherwise it will impede the movement of the whole economy and constrain

Taxes are another crucial factor in the formula of excounagement of investment policy not only in the straightforward sense of depressing the return on capital but also of rating the investmentworthiness of the country. When the income tax rate, in Jordan for example, reaches as high as 50 per cent exceeds that to 55 per cent in certain instances, we will have a situation where the state actually owns all enterprises on equal footing with their real owners. In this case, it is hardly justifiable to talk about a free economy based on private ownership. Investors will notice that and downrate Jordan accordingly, no matter what we say in the way of intentions, press releases and public announcements and even irrespective of what we write in our legislations. The recent attempt of the government in the Senate to cancel tax exemptions given to the Housing Bank, and thereby to Arab investors who own more than 50 per cent of the bank, serves a very clear notice to all investors that we might wipe whatever we write in our laws.



Arab hopes ride on U.S. determination over Israeli loan

By James Anderson Reuter

rest largely on one question: Will the United States muster the political will to use the influence over Israel its massive aid could buy?

The answer, in Arab eyes, has for decades been "not yet" and possibly "never".

President George Bush's struggle with Israel and its supporters in the U.S. Congress over \$10 billion in loan guarantees for the Jewish state is now a touchstone

guarantees row, Syria's ruling paam, on Monday that "this bring Arabs to the conference increasing dispute will soon table. spread out to affect peace efforts. people win the day over the Mr. Baker's peace Zionist lobby's blackmail, a big gone Israel's way. push for the peace process will be stressing its continued enmity to underlying theme of the Bush

Momentum towards an Arab-DAMASCUS - Arab hopes for U.S. Secretary of State James war trips to the region stems largely from the notion that things may after all change. Mr. Bush who says Washington

had so far this year provided Israel with four billion dollars in aid, threatened on Thursday to veto the loan guarantees if Congress passed them before a peace conference convenes in October.

Israel needs the guarantees to raise cash to help absorb hundreds . of thousands of Soviet Jews but Commenting on the loan Mr. Bush wants the discussion delayed for four months because it might undermine his drive to

Up till Mr. Bush's intervention If the interests of the American on Thursday, most of the issues in position as a superpower able to Mr. Baker's peace mission had

Israel has not committed itself achieved, isolating Israel and to trading land for peace, the

administration's policy. Nor has it checked its settlement of Jews in Israeli peace conference which Arab territories captured in 1967.

Its assertion of a right of veto a Middle East peace settlement Baker generated in six post-Gulf over the choice of Palestinian representatives stands. Washin ton has not endorsed it but U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has clearly been doing his best to find a formula that would satisfy the Israelis.

Nor has Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, budged in his refusal to include any Palestinian from Jerusalm - a stand symbolising his insistence that he will never discuss the holy city's future with the Arabs.

On the other hand, Israel has accepted the Soviet Union as a co-sponsor of the conference, a concession of doubtful importance because of political turmoil in Moscow and the collapse of its support Arab aspirations.

It has also agreed to have the United Nations and the European Community as observers at the proposed peace conference, but only as a brief first step before one-on-one negotiations with individual Arah states.

One-on-one meetings - with no outsiders who might support Arab views — are the forum that Israel has long wanted. Washington has won agreement from the Arab states that the larger meeting would reconvene only with the approval of all parties, meaning Israel would hold a veto.

Could a conference convened on such terms produce a land-forpeace settlement ending more than four decades of Arab-Israeli conflict? If the Arabs think it can it is

only because Mr. Baker has led them to hope for U.S. pressure to wring concessions from Israel. Those hopes were born from a

shakeup of regional alliances resulting from the end of the cold war and Arab - most notably Syrian - support for the U.S.-led alliance in the Gulf war.

Mr. Bush's vcto threat will be a

Sweden's Social Democrats bow out after defeat, leaving vacuum

By Tony Austin

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's Social Democrats, soundly defeated 60 years of political domination. resigned from government on Monday leaving behind a power

Voters delivered a stinging rebuff to the Social Democrats and their Leftist Party allies in the Sunday poll, without handing a clear mandate to any of the five non-socialist parties they elected to parliament

It will be chaos. The Swedish people and wage-earners will have to pay for this," Prime ter announcing his government's resignation.

The social democrats and Lefproposed coalition of Conserva- mentators. tives, Centre, Christian Democrats and Liberals.

New Democracy, a new rightwing party, held the remaining 25

mentators said the result had sounded the death knell of a unique social system pioneered by the Social Democrats, known as the Swedish model.

Funded by the highest tax burden in the Western world, it provides citizens with a cradle to grave welfare system - including free health care, more than a year of fully paid parental leave and a generous public pension plan.

"The Swedes have seen that the third way between communism and capitalism leads only to an economie morass and a lack of freedom," Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, a

Liberal, said on Danish Radio. Norway's prime minister. Labour Party leader Gro Harlem Brundtland, deplored the election outcome and said Sweden would now become as difficult to govern as her country.

The conservative Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet said it was the end of an era. "Since 1932, the Social Democrats have dominated Swedish politics. As a result in a general election after almost of yesterday's election result, this era has ended," it said in a leader.

In France, the left-wing paper Liberation compared the Swedish model favourably with what it described as the economic liberalism, tight monetary policies and high unemployment of Sweden's European neighbours.

Pre-election opinion polls had predicted a collapse in support for the Social Democrats and Leftists, buffeted by the winds of change in Eastern Europe and a Minister Ingvar Carlsson said af-political climate which favoured more market economy and less central control:

But the soaring popularity of tists captured 154 of the 349 seats the Conservatives, Christian in the Riksdag Parliament, Democrats and right-wing New against a combined 170 for a Democracy surprised many com-

> "It is the parties on the extreme right which gained. We could be heading for a period of confrontation instead of convergence in politics," Mr. Carlsson

Kent Asp, a media researcher at Gothenburg University, said voters had apparently punished the small liberal and centre parties for cooperating with the Social Democrats on some econo-

mic issues. Centre Party leader Olof Johansson, one of the election's big losers, said: "We are witnessing an unprecedented polarisation of politics in Sweden. There will be substantial problems in governing the country now."

Lars Werner, leader of he Leftist Party, cited the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe in the last two years as one reason for Sweden's shift to the right. "What is happening in the outside world had affected us too." he said.

The new era of Swedish politics began early on Monday. New Democracy leader Count

"The Swedish bourgeois par- Ian Wachtmeister, with a reputaties appear to have a clear major-tion as a prankster, hammered on ity. But they are only united in the doors of parliament and opposition - we will see whether shouted through the letter-box to they can work together in governits speaker: "Thage Peterson. It's Ian. Let me in.

LETTERS

You said it all!

To the Editor:

Nidal Ibrahim (Letters, Jordan Times, Sept. 15, 1991) is absolutely right about Jordan Television's censorship. I agree with every single word he wrote in his letter. I am sure I am not the only one:

He says it all, nothing more to add. I am glad some of us have the courage to describe the state of affairs at Jordan Television. Probably, something will be done about it.

Elena El Sabbagh,

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferrably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of mused

Central Asia eyed as new regional power bloc

By Patrick Worsnip Reuter

TEHRAN - Central Asia, ancient stamping ground of Gen-ghis Khan and Tamerlane's conquering hordes, is taking on new gnificance because of the steady disintegration of the Soviet Un-

The prospect is opening up of closer cooperation between a belt of non-Arab Muslim countries stretching from Turkey through Iran to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Soviet central Asian republics like Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Any idea of the steppes and mountains developing into a new regional power bloc is at present just a gleam in the eye of strateg-

But the idea of at least closer economic links in the region was raised during a visit to Tehran last week hy Pakistan's President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, the first by Khan as telling Iranian President a Pakistani head of state since Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani it was Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution. A grouping already exists the Economic Cooperation Orga- southern neighbours, but one

It has achieved little so far. "It to go slow on recognition. They reminds me a bit of the Euro- say they will still retain close Arab dialogue," said one West- economic links with Russia." ern diplomat. "It's a great idea, Afghanistan, too, is an un-

Iran and Pakistan.

but let's not get too specific."
But ECO will hold its first summit on November 25. Trade and joint ventures will be high on the agenda, officials say.

Asked about the possibility of a

larger grouping emerging, stretching north into Soviet Cen-tral Asia, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Shaharyar Khan told reporters: "I think this is something we have always felt was necessary, for the Islamic comtries to cooperate more closely. With developments in Central Asia ... the basic foundation of cooperation is there in ECO. We want to strengthen it."

There are some big question marks — the Soviet Central Asian republics, while seeking greater independence, have yet to cut themselves loose from

Officials quoted Mr. Ishaq now certain the republics would seek stronger ties with their. nisation (ECO), linking Turkey, Pakistani analyst said: "The message we are getting from them is

known quantity, despite progress towards ending 13 years of civil war there with a United Nations push for a settlement and a U.S.-Soviet agreement last Friday to stop arms supplies to the government and guerrillas by January.

Pakistan and Iran, giving sanc-tuary to millions of Afghan refugees will have nothing to do with Kabul until the war ends and the present Soviet-backed government is replaced by one they find acceptable. Afghan President Najibullah offered the rebels sect in Iran but form only a ceasefire on Sunday.

Pakistan, a key supporter of the guerrillas gave guarded support to the arms cut-off. Officials quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as telling Mr. Ishaq Khan that, given the uncertainties, the two countries should "safeguard their own interests before

central Asia." The main focus of last week's talks was therefore on improving the poor road and rail links. Plans were discussed for Pakistan to built railway tracks in Iran that would ultimately give \lislamabad a rail link to Europe.

reaching into relationships with

All the countries of the region are weak economically. Iran is a major oil producer but has been ravaged by war as has Afghanis- pean Community.

Western diplomats were also scentical that a regional grouping could go far politically - "it's a useful forum for communication, but none of the countries wants the others to dominate," one

The last thing Pakistan wants is for the influence of Ayatollah Khomeini (the late Iranian revolutionary leader) to spread in Pakistan. Shiite Muslims are the dominant

minority in Pakistan. Pakistani analysts said a strengthened Central Asian bloc could form a counterweight to the Arabs in the Islamic World.

If it ever developed, it could also prove worrying to india, which is mainly Hindu but has a large Muslim minority and is embroiled in a dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir.

Some of the countries involved have other ties to consider. Iran is anxious to joint Arab states in future security arrangements in the Gulf, following the war over

Kuwait. Turkey is a staunch member of NATO and sees its main economic interest in joining the Euro-



U.S. offers Israel compromise

political fight on the backs of millions

Mr. Baker and Israeli Prime Minis-

They spoke to reporters after a

90-minute meeting that was also attended by Foreign Minister David

Levy and Defence Minister Moshe

"I think we can say that we have...

achieved a certain progress in various

matters related to the peace process,

Mr. Shamir told reporters. "We'll

Mr. Baker also said more talks

were needed. "There are still some

issues between us that must be re-

Both sides said contacts would re-

Mr. Baker said there was "a real

opportunity to see Arabs, Arah states, sitting down face to face in

direct negotistions with Israel, adding that he was convinced Israel wanted

to take advantage of the opportunity. Mr. Baker and Mr. Shamir stressed

their talks Monday and Tuesday were

held in a friendly, cooperative atmos-

But they said they did not resolve

their dispute over the loan guaran-

An opinion poli showed 54 per cent of Israelis think Mr. Bush's stance is not justified, while 42 per cent think it is. Three per cent did not reply.

It said 52 per cent of Israelis were

willing to forego up to five per cent of their income to finance the absorp-

tees failed to come through. It said 45 per cent refused to give up income and three per cent did not answer. The poll of 501 people was conducted by the Dahaf agency for the daily Yedioth Ahronoth. It gave no

In Arab East Jerusalem, Mr. Bak-er's aides met with Palestinian leaders

for three hours to discuss remaining

In a first round of talks Monday,

Tuesday's meeting focused on a

letter spelling out U.S. positions

Mr. Husseini, who left the

meeting early to fly to London,

said the U.S. letter would be

shown to the PLO leadership

abroad "so they can make a

decision." Mr. Husseini did not

say whom he would meet in

Mr. Baker has also given the

Israelis a U.S. position paper,

The delegation also included Dr. Zakaria Al Agha, head of the

The group handed Mr. Baker a

Israeli media reported.

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Mr. Husseini told reporters struction since the Gulf war.

Moscow sends envoy to PLO

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proposed peace conference.

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Asked why he did not tackle the settlement issue head on, the president replied that he had stated U.S. policy on the matter and "it isn't

going to change."

Washington regards Israel's settlement of occupied Arab territory as an obstacle to peace.

Mr. Bush said he had a telephone

conversation with Mr. Baker after Mr. Baker's first round of talks with Israeli leaders Monday and that the talks were "very good." Mr. Kohl, who was at the White

House to discuss developments in the Soviet Union, told reporters that Germany and other European conntries "completely and unequivocally SUDDOIT a peace conference

In an apparent reference to an israeli cabinet official's description Sunday of Mr. Bush as an "anti-Semite," Mr. Kohl added: "I know of no American president who has done as much for the state of Israel as President George Bush."

The president and the chancellor spoke out after leaders in the House of Representatives called for a resolu-tion of the dispute between Mr. Bush Democratic lender Richard

Gephardt also indirectly rebuked the Israeli official who lambasted Mr. In a speech, Mr. Gephardt said that he could not sit silently by while "divisive comments" were made ab-

out the president and that the special relationship between the United ates and Israel could be strained by words that hurt." Mr. Gephardt said the Middle East

peace process and the issue of Israel's ament of settlements in the occupied territories shold not be linked to the loan guarantees.

He said all agreed the guarantees were needed and the dispute was

about timing. "I believe that a compromise can be reached and I join with others in the search to find it," Mr. Gephardt said. "This is no time for accus about the president's motives. This is no place for polarising comments from anyone," be said.
On Sunday, Israeli Minister-without-Portfolio Rehavam Zeevi

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We hope there will be positive

a letter outlining points of agreement between the United States

results," Mr. Husseini said. "Un-

now, we... didn't solve yet the

problems that are supposed to be

Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian

professor of English who also

participated in the meeting, said:

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She declined to give further

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Mr. Baker presented documents outining the American positions on neace talks to both sides.

branded Mr. Bush a liar and an Israeli media reports said M. Bakanti-Semite who is "conducting a er assured the Israelis they would not have to negotiate with Palestinians of Jews" and called for delaying the they found unacceptable. He told the Palestinians that talks would be based on the principle of Israeli withdrawal ter Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday they from occupied territory in exchange for peace, the report said. ing the peace conference, but that they still needed to discuss remaining

israel Radio and several newsp ers said the U.S. letter to the Israelis says only Palestinians from the occunied West Bank and Gaza Strip will be members of a joint Palestinian

It also says the PLO will not have a

ole in peace talks.

The Palestinians apparently are now more willing to compromise on the composition of their delegation because of assurance Mr. Baker gave em Monday, Israel Radio said

In his letter to the Palestinians, Mr. Baker said negotiations must be based on U.N. Resolution 242, which calls for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories in exchange for secure horders the radio said

The Israelis argue that they have already complied with 242 by withdrawing from the Sinai pe after signing peace with Egypt. But Mr. Baker said in his letter to the Palestinians that 242 means withdrawal on all fronts, the Haaretz daily

The U.S. letter to the Palestinians also said the future of Jerusalem must be determined io ucgotiations, Haaretz said.
The Palestinians also showed greater

flexibility following President Buth's insistence no delaying Israel's request for loan guarantees, the radio re-

In his letter to Israel, Mr. Baker said the U.S. administration would honour n 1975 letter in which then-President Gerald Ford told Israeli leaders that be acknowledged Israeli security concerns in the Golan Heights, media reports said.

Mr. Baker reportedly also told the Israelis that the Soviet Union would restore full diplomatic relations with Israel before the start of the peace

Mr. Shamir, in an interview conducted before be met Mr. Baker Monday, said he was confident the peace conference would convene, because nobody was against it except "the most extreme elements smong the Arabs." Asked whether it would be held in

October, as President Bush planned Mr. Shamir told the daily Hadashot: 'It's not so important. If it's to be October (and) all the parties are in favour," why postpone it?"
However, Mr. Shamir left the im-

pression be no longer trusted the United States' impartiality. Asked if he saw it as an honest broker, he replied: "I don't have to soswer In the interview, Mr. Shamir

steered clear of any sharp riposte to Mr. Bush's criticism of Israel. But the paper said that off the record Mr. mir said "some words" that "left J doubt that George Bush makes him angry."
Mr. Shamir denied ever promising

Mr. Bush Israel would stop building settlements in the occupied territor-

"Maybe he (Mr. Bush) thought so, don't know," he said. "Anyway, I never promised any-

Yugoslav

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gunboats could be seen off

Croatia's ancient walled city of

The navy began blockading

Croatian ports Tuesday in retalia-tion for the republic's barricading of federal military barracks,

forther tightening the noose

The ceasefire declaration was

signed by Serbian President Slo-

around the rebel republic.

accounts by human rights organisations and foreign and Israeli details, saying "we still have media, summarising Israel's land several things to clear up." one anything regarding any step we might take in the 'land of Israel.' It's as clear as the noonday son that the 'land of Israel' is ours, and I couldn't promise someone anything that con-tradicts that," he said.

Dubrovnik.

U.S. Congress clears way

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tive," His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said in a Reuters interview when asked whether Jordan expected financial aid for sup-porting the U.S.-led peace pro-

King Husecin, who raised Jordan's economic problems in a speech to the European parlia-ment in Strasbourg Wednesday, is expected to press Mr. Baker on the issue during talks this week.

"There is a suggestion...that there would be support involved if countries in the region were forthcoming. No country in the region has made its position as clearly and forthrightly in favour of peace as Jordan has," the Crown Prince told Reuters. The Crown Prince said economic pressures and rising unem-ployment caused by the Gulf crisis threatened to undermine popular support for peace if aid was not forthcoming.

"Of course it's going to be a continuing plummeting of standards of living," the Crown Prince

"And certainly the popular view will be that we are being victimised and what's in it for us to act as a

moderate society."

He added: "We are committed to (the peace process) but at the same time I don't think anyone would expect Jordan to accept destabilisation or political or phys-

Tug-of-war reaches climax

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Khreisat told the Jordan Times. Al Rabat is the Muslim Brotherhood mouthpiece, which was the only publication to print the entire text of the report.

Interior Minister Inwelat Shoul had issued a statement on Wednesday categorically denying that torture took place in the detention centres and his statement was published in the three Arabic dailies. Mr. Shbeilat, however, insisted

that torture had taken place against those who were detained. He said that members of the Public Freedom Committee had interviewed the men who had been released, and that a number of those who were still detained were not permitted visits by the deputies, their families or lawyers. He was referring to 18 members of an underground Islamist group calling itself "(Prophet) Moham-mad's Army."

"As far as I'm personally concerned, I had no idea about this report, and it would have been histically wrong to publish it after it had already been published elsewhere," Mr. Khreisat explained.

Mr. Shbeilet called on the press

"side with the truth the interest of the people, the law, the con-stitution, and the resolutions and recommendations of the Lower House which represents the peo-ple," and to struggle towards grea-ter independence by the press in line with democratic freedoms

allowed to it. "It is the duty of journalists to struggle for the sake of liberating their professions from control in order to raise their standard to become a monitoring authority that serves the people," Mr.

Shbeilat said. Musa Keilani, chief editor of Al Dustonr daily dismissed Mr. his newspaper did in fact publish an article on the Freedoms Committee's report.

"We published the main parts of the report, but not the points related to '(Prophet) Mohammad's Army," Dr. Keilani told the Jordan Times, referring to the group that had allegedly taken part in terrorist acts which included carbombines that handicapped two The points in the report related

to the group are being discussed in the courts of law and it is a court procedure that should not be reported in the press," Dr. Kedani said, adding that writing about a case in court could influence the Al Dustour's article did not

mention the Public Freedoms Panel's allegations of torture nor the alleged illegal practices com-

mitted by security forces. The paper, however, did report the committee's call for the director of the General Intelligence Department (GID) to supply the speakers of the Lower and Upper Houses of

sends daily to the prime minister. Both Sawt Al Shaab and Al Dustour, however, reported on Mr. Shbeilat's press conference and quoted from his attacks against

Parliament with the report that he

Commenting on the cootroversy. Al Dustour columnist Mu'nis Al Razzaz wrote in Sunday's edition that it was necessary to have access to truth when two sides claim contradicting statements.

There must be an opportunity for our press to find the essence of truth concerning the human rights situation in our country in order to remove any darkness or distortion regarding this serious issue that should not be ignored," Mr. Raz-

In his Monday column, the same writer called on the government to permit journalists and lawyers to ention centres so that "we can know the truth of what happens behind these gates."

Al Ra'i, the Arabic daily with

the biggest circulation in Jordan, neither mentioned the Freedoms Committee report, nor reported on Mr. Shbeilat's press conference la-

Chief Editor Mahmoud Al Kayed said that an independent editorial decision was taken not to publish because the committee's report was controversial at best. government pressure that his newspaper did not use it.
Mr. Kayed said that because

there were divisions inside the freedoms committee itself concerning the allegations and that nearly half of the panel's members did not endorse it, the report lacked the credibility and needed further investigation before a balanced story could be published.

"We are not committed to publishing everything that Parliament or deputies say and do especially when it is controversial," he said "And generally speaking, the deci-sion to publish or not is ours in the end," he continued.

Other journalistic sources at Al Ra'i, who have been following the story, contended that the Freedoms Committee, which comprises a large number of the Muslim Brotherhood and Islamists, might have wanted to use the report in question as a political tool to attract public attention and gam popularity and publicity.

The sources, who did not want

to identified by name, said that not all of the 11 committee members actually signed the document, leaving doubt in their minds about the

Sharaa: Israel should free Arabs

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of 77-year-old British hostage las was not enough. Jack Mann.

visiting Mr. Mam's wife, Sunny, at ber apartment in Beirut's seaside Raouche district. Mr. Mann, a World War II and

commercial airline pilot and later bartender at a Beirut pub, was kidnapped May 12, 1989. A picture of him was released by an underground group calling itself Revolutionary Justice Organisa-tion last week, along with a statement that said he was alive and well.

Mr. Tucknott's comments came a day after the leader of the Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim fundamentalist Hizbollah dampened hopes for an early hostage

bodan Milosevic, Croatian Presi-dent Franjo Tudjman, Yugoslav Defence Minister Veljko Abbas Musawi said Israel's release last Wednesday of 51 Lebanese prisoners and hand-Kadijevic and Lord Carrington. over of the bodies of nine guerril-

"The ball's still in their court. "We remain cautiously opti- The step was supposed to be REPET, TO LIVE

ber or some of the symbols, like Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid," Mr. Musawi told a Beirut news conference Monday. Sheikh Obeid, 39, a Hizbollah cleric, was kidnapped by airborne Israeli agents from his hometown

village of Jibsheet in South Lebanon July 28, 1989. The Israelis claim he masterminded "terrorist" attacks. The Israeli hostage negotiator, Uri Lubrani, spoke to

reporters after returning from talks in Paris with Mr. Perez de Cuellar. "At this stage, we don't have

the information we asked for concerning the captured navigator Ron Arad and the other missing (Israeli) soldiers," Mr. Lubrani told the daily Yedioth Ahronoth.

credibility and accuracy of the allegations contained in it.

According to one source, some of the member deputies rarely attended the usual committee meetings, but "had saddenly shown interest in this particular issue regarding these security detainees for their own political

"Where were the deputies who care so much about human rights in Jordan before this story of (Prophet) Mohammad's Army came onto the scene?" asked one of the journalists at Al Ra'i.

The Jordan Times also refrained from publishing the details of the ees' treatment because it wanted a statement from the GID to react to the report when it appeared. However, the paper did publish a Reuter report on both the reaction statement and the committee's allegations.
"We wanted to print a balanced

story on such a serious issue, but we did not have any statements from the side that was accused. When we received it, we published the story (Reuter's) in a more balanced way," Chief Editor George Hawatmeh said, "Hardly n day or two afterwards, we wrote an editorial on the subject and called for an independent investigation into the whole issue."

Kamal Rashid, chief of Al Rabat, which carried the full text of the report, said that obstacles had been put in front of the issue which had carried the parliamentary committee's report.

Last week's issue of Al Rabas

was delayed for one day because the Press and Publications Department was slow in approving the distribution of the tabloid, Mr. Rashid told reporters during Mr. Shbeilat's press conference on

Saturday.

He said that he intended to place paid ads in two major dailies apoogising to their readers for the delay in the distribution because the Press and Publications Department had not yet approved its entry into the Jordanian market. Al Rabat is not yet licensed to publish in Jordan, and as such it is based offshore.

"The chief editors rejected publishing the ads in its original context and asked us to write that the paper was delayed due to reasons beyond our control, and we did." Mr. Rashid said. He added that when the Ministry

of Information called the following day to announce their approval, they expressed their dissatisfaction for placing the advertisement even in its mild form."

Some journnlists say that although the government does not interfere with what the papers do or do not publish, the publishers themselves find it difficult to take advantage of the democratic process in Jordan.

"Times have changed and there are serious attempts towards democratisation, but we have to remember that the majority of shares of these newspapers are still owned by the government," said n senior editorial assistant at one of the major dailies who did not want

to be identified.

'And we have to remember tha the publishers and editors in chief are the same ones who were in charge before the democratisation process, and are afraid of utilising their freedom, so they still take were still living during the days of oppressioo," he added. These charges are generally dismissed as non-sense by the editors who insist that freedom of speech does not necessarily involve publishing evcrything that is said or done io the country. "Many people confuse the right to withhold publication of a certain story with the responsibility that goes with publishing it." said Mr. Kayed. "The issue goes way beyond what some of our nourable deputies believe to be

the truth." Mr. Razzaz referred to this argument in his Monday column, where he wrote that there were still "undemocratic signs and mentalities and schools of thought io places of influence that are still affected by the pre-democratic phase

Mr. Shbeilat charged that the democratic winds blowing into Jordan were "decorative and superfi-

"I have been a member of Parliament since 1984, and nothing in the press has changed since then,"
Mr. Shbeilat told reporters. "This
is a decorative and superficial democracy which has not changed the reality of our situation; the power centres that still administer and run the country are still

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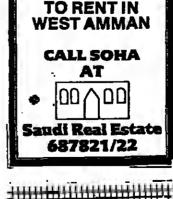
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ettie for nothing less.

Top 2 seeds reach quarterfinals in Jordan Tennis Championship

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Hani Al Ali, the leading contender in the Jordan Tennis Championship, easily overwhelmed Ahmad Maher 6-1, 6-0 to reach the quarterfinals of the secong round of the Jordan Tennis Championship.

Also reaching the quarterfinals Tuesday was Imad Abu Hamda. who beat Ihb Shehadeh 6-0. 6-4;

13-year-old Laith Al Azzouni eliminated Ramzi Al Halabi 7-5, 6-1; Ibrahim Al Hadid overwhelmed Mahmoud Al Disi 6-3. Mahmoud 6-2, 6-4; Samir Al Rifai crushed Ayman Nashashibi nalists, Faith Al Azzouni and 6-1, 6-1; Rami Farraj eliminated Nasser Kamal.

Zeid Hanania 6-0, 6-2; and Nasser Kamal beat Mohammad Al Khudary in the most exciting game Tuesday with a score of 64.

Only four of those who reached the quarterfinals in the first round have made it to the final eight in the second round. They are Ham 6-2; Marwan Hananiyah another Al Ali, the winner of the first 13-year-old npset Hassan wound, Imad Abu Hamda, the finalist, and two other quarterti-

> The other four quarterfinalists in the first round did not participate in the second round. . On Wednesday Hani Al Ali

semifinals; Nasser Kamal will play Samir Al Rifai and Imad Aba Hamda will clash with Rami

since the two top seeds hardly had any trouble in swiftly eliminating their opponents.

FIFA: South American Cup draw not sanctioned

ZURICH (R) - FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, said Monday they had not sanctioned a South American World Cup 'qualifying draw" carried out in Paraguay at the weekend.

The draw, for the South American qualifying groups, for the 1994 finals, was made in the Paraguayan capital Asuncion Saturday at an Executive Committee meeting of the South American Football Confederation (CSF).

But FIFA, who were not informed in advance, said the official draw would be made in New

York in December.

"Contrary to other reports, the FIFA organising committee will decide on the group draw for the various confederations in New York on Dec. 6, 1991 before conducting the draw in public in New York Sunday, Dec. 8," FIFA said in a statement.

A FIFA spokesman said that included the South American Confederation and added: "The (Asuncion) draw was not FIFAsanctioned. "She could not say what action FIFA would take about the draw.

CSF administrative manager, admitted in Paruguay Monday that the final decision lay with FIFA but said the draw was "the position of the CSF and the member federations."

FIFA said a record 134 countries have entered for the 1994 finals, which are being beld for the first time in the United States. The 1990 tournament in Italy attracted 123 entries, the previous highest figure.

It also said new members such as the Baltic states would not be admitted until they had been

New memberships could only be decided in any case by the full FIFA congress, the next one of which would be beld in Zurich in July, 1992, it added.

South Africa, expelled from the body in 1976, would also have to wait until the July congress before it could be readmitted.

FIFA also said the qualifying draw for the quadrennial tourna-ment, to be held June 17 through July 17, 1994, will be held on Dec. 8 in New York City, not Dec. 7 as some announcements

Paolo Futre, remembering last

season's UEFA Cup first-round

exit at the hands of Romania's

Timisoara,, warned against com-

placency before Wednesday's

Cup Winner's Cup match at Nor-

way's Fyllingen Idrettslag.
"We can't go there thinking the

game is already won," said Futre.
"We have to be careful there's no

repetition of what happened last

Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff

has emphasised his healthy re-

spect for Germany's Hansa Ros-

tock, who the Spanish champions

host in the European Cnp

Wednesday, while club chairman

Jose Luis Nunez repeated his

warnings that the strong, fit Ger-

the ones there. They've got Ger-

man style. It's a very dangerous

rival because they are very strong

last year's unification, a total of

10 German clubs will take part in

the three European competitions,

four of them from the former east

clubs from the former east Ger-

man first division to take part

although they are now all in-

Eisenhuettenstadt, who meet

Turkish side Galatasaray in the

Cup Winners' Cup, failed to qual-

ify for the first or second divisions

and play in Germany's Amateur

UEFA decided to allow the

For the first and last time after

physically," said Nunez.

"It's a very hard team, like all

mans would be tough rivals.

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Italian captains defiant before European clashes

By Reuters

ITALIAN club captains Roberto Mancini of Sampdoria and Guiseppe Giannini of Roma are sounding a defiant note in the face of their teams' contrasting problems ahead of Wednesday's opening European soccer clashes.

Sampdoria make their debut in the Champions' Cup at home to Norway's Rosenborg with twin troubles in the shape of poor early season league form and key players absent.

As Roma must play a difficult Cup Winners' Cup game away to CSKA Moscow without inspirational German striker Rudi Voeller, who is ruled out with a pulled muscle.

League champions Sampdoria, who have picked up only three points in their first three games, will be without Mancini and striker Renato Buso, both suspended, as well as injured defender Dario Bonetti.

Yet Mancini refuses to accept that Sampdoria are in crisis, saying: "Sunday's game (a 1-1 draw in Bari) doesn't mean anything. You get days when everything goes well and then days

when nothing goes well. "As for the (European) Cup, debutants since we have played in doubtful starters. Europe for some time now."

and Antonio Tempestilli serving bans, in addition to missing Vneller, but Giannini said: "For : Cup Winners' Cup Wednesday. Roma to be deprived of Rudis" Feyenoord coach Wim Jansen (Voeller) is a huge loss, but perhaps precisely because of this we'll be even more united and

"Last year, despite all sorts of difficulties, Roma proved itself capable of performing well on the big occasion."

Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven, whose European ambitions last season were cut short by a first-round exit to Montpellier Cup, are taking care to ensure they do not suffer a similar fate in

PSV coach and former England manager Bobby Robson has done Cup clash with Us Luxembourg. his homework on Turkish oppo- "There's nothing to worry abnents Besiktas, whose manager is yout," he said ahead of Wednescompatriot Gordon Milne, by day's match.
studying analyses of eight Besik Marksman tas matches.

Wednesday without Brazil striker Romario, who went home for

treatment and recuperation fol-

would result if Berlin is granted

the games, which draw immense

charges. Willi Danme, president

of the National Olympic Commit-

tee of Germany, watched the demonstration from his hotel

"I'm relieved the demonstra-

tion is proceeding calmly," he

told the sports news agency.
The IOC Executive Commit

meets Tuesday through Thursday

and is expected to allow inclusion

of separate teams from the Baltic

states in time to compete in 1992

summer games in Barcelona, and

perhaps the winter games in

The 1OC meeting is viewed as a

prime opportunity for Berlin

Olympic officials to show off a bit

as it campaigns to hold the sum-

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South **42 ♥KQ65 ♦AKQJ987 4A**

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold: **±J95** ∇**Q76** ↓**A104 ♦AQJ6**

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

Pass 1 ?

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South

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What du you bid now?

What do you hid now?

mer games in nine years.

Albertville, France.

action do you take?

GOREN BRIDGE

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Hundreds protest Berlin's

Madrid and Barcelona, approach their opening games on a note of

A Dutch side less well informed about the opposition are Feyenoord Rotterdam, who visit Partizan Tirana of Albania in the

obtained a videocasette of a game - only to discover Partizan were not one of the teams featured on

"All 1 know is that the goalkeeper has been transferred to a Romanian club and that Partizan has three internationa of which one is suspended," said Jansen. Feyenoord are hampered by.

miuries to Romanian midfielder loan Sabau, Hungarian striker of France in the Cup Winners' Joszef Kiprich and defender Ulrich Van Gobbel, all sidelined. England's Chris Waddle has no doubt about the outcome of his

French club Marseille's European

Marksman Jean-Pierre Papin anderlined the confidence of the PSV face the first leg in Turkey French champions, who lost last season's European Cup final on penalties to Red Star Belgrade. Papin said: "We showed during the last two seasons that we were

capable of winning the European Cup. I think the new format (league basis after the second round) can help us. This time, the winners will be the strongest side in Europe."

caution

youngest players Marwan Hanania and Laith Al Azzouni wili slug it out for a place in the

Fans are predicting another Ali-Abn Hamda final especially

highly successful middle Sunday experiment at the championships next year, unless it is forced on them again. But they will have a cut-price scheme for the centre court on the first Saturday to encourage the real enthusiasts. This year play took place on the middle Sunday for the first time because of constant rain during the first week. Centre court seats were sold for £10 (\$17.3) on a first come-first served basis. The day proved a hit with a carnival atmosphere generated by the spectators. Next year, to try to repeat the enthusiasm. Wimbledon are to sell £20 000 unreserved centre court seats on the middle Saturday at 20 (\$34.6) instead of

ROSTOCK, Germany (R) - Former easte German champions Hansa Rostock may play tough European Cup opponents Barcelona on Wednesday without first-choice goalkeeper Daniel Hoffmann. Hoffmann hurt his neck during training Monday and faces a late fitness test. Reserve keeper Jens Kunath stands by.

Brazil forward undergoes surgery

BARI, Italy (AP) - Joao Panio, the flashy forward of Bari and of league game, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

and 47 suffered other injuries in clashes between rival Brazilian soccer supporters armed with guns, bome-made bombs, sticks, stones and knives, police said. The trouble began three hours before the start of Sunday's Rio De Janeiro championship match between Flamengo and Vasco da Gama, watched by 70,000 supporters at the Maracana Stadium, Organised gangs of supporters clashed in front of the main gate and had to be separated by police: using tear gas. Four people were shot during the fight three in the stomach and one in the leg - and were taken to a nearby hospital where they were under observation, police said. Fighting continued inside the stadium as fans threw home-made bombs and stones at each other. One fan was taken to bospital after a bomb landed on his foot. Outside the stadium, another bomb narrowly missed a passing bus. Police said seven people were arrested, one carrying a revolver.

er banned after positive dope test

OBERHOFEN, Switzerland (R) - Mexican rower Juan Antonio Gomez, who was stripped of his gold medal after failing a dope test at the Pan American Games last month, has been banned for three months. Gomez tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine after he and his brother Joaquin had won the pairs final. International Rowing Federation General Secretary John Boultbee said Tuesday Gomez had taken a tablet for a headache, not realising it contained ephedrine.

Francisco Figueredo Britez, Encognised by the United Na-

Roma have Andrea Carnevale

the Champions' Cup.

lowing an ankle injury, and also have midfielder Erwin Koeman and defender Stan Valckx as

Two Spanish challengers for Enropean honours, Atletico

They only qualified for Europe after losing to Hansa Rostock in Atletico's Portuguese striker the east German Cup Final.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

Graham beats Shriver in Tokyo

TOKYO (R) — Big-serving Debbie Graham upset fellow-American and sixth seed Pam Shriver to reach the second round of the \$350,000 Nichirei International Women's Tennis Tournament Tuesday. On the hard courts at Tokyo Bay, the 1990 U.S. collegiate champion, ranked 54th in the world, served 10 aces as she overpowered veteran Shriver 7-5 6-4. "I felt that my serve was very good today," Graham said. "Also, I really like the surface asit suited my ground strokes." Other seeded players cruised into the second round with straight-sets victories. Fifth seed Laura Gildemeister of Peru beat Indonesia's Yayak Basuki 7-5 7-5 and American Marianne Werdel, seeded seventh, disposed of Japanese qualifier Nana Miyagi 6-4 6-3.

Zrubakova wins first round in Paris

PARIS (AP) - Radja Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia, the No. 3 seed, won her first round match of the \$150,000 Paris Women's Tennis Tournament Monday after a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Switzerland's Cathy Caverzasio. Sixth-seeded Emanuela Zardo of Switzerland downed Maria Strandlund of Sweden, 6-2, 6-4. In another first-round match Veronika Martinek of Germany made a comeback after losing the first set against Karin Kschwendt of Switzerland. Martinek qualified for the second round 0-6, 6-3.

Wimbiedon rules out middle Sunday deal

LONDON (R) - Wimbledon tennis officials will not repeat their

Rostock goalkeeper may miss cup

the Brazilian national team, underwent a surgery to reset his broken left leg, his Italian club has announced. Doctors of Centro Ortopedico in this southern city said the operation was successful but made no prediction about Joao Paulo's comeback to action. Club sources indicated that the 27-year-old player, who moved from Guarani to Bari in 1989, would be sidelined for about four months. Joao Paulo broke his left leg when he was tackled by Italian defender Marco Lanna during Sunday's Bari-Sampdoria

4 shot in Brazil soccer violence

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Four people were shot and wounded

The German Sports Information Service said about 10 people were arrested on weapons

BERLIN (AP) — Hundreds of people protesting Berlin's bid for the 2000 summer Olympic marched through the city on Monday, the eve of a meeting of International Olympic Committee (IOC) executives.

Nearly 1,000 protesters waved

bid on eve of IOC meet

signs saying "nolympic city" and "Olympic 2000? No thanks" as they walked through a section of downtown castern Berlin. Hundreds of police prevented the protesters from marching to the hotel where officials of the 10C's Executive Committee

the three-day meeting. There was some scuffling but no major clashes. The crowd, mostly youths, milled in front of police barricades within view of the hotel and some fired flares onto the hotel's roof.

already had begun arriving for

The demonstrators were protesting mostly what they said was the environmental damage that

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

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The hidding has proceeded:
South West North East

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Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A93 ~AK84 ∴AJ1062 **♦**5

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold: ◆AKQJ9 ∵73 ◇AK84 ♦95

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding :

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

What do you lid now?

Pass

Pass

What do you hid now?

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER IS, 1991

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: While

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Neverth there are some cooperative aspects con-sected with the day there may also be a 21) Money is the control of your enabers and activity and by your side to our your some methods you are able to our your sudden reversal in your forward themst as some odd moods and mannal ideas. are a part of the developing picture.

> SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to De consists a natural programmer 22 to De-cember 21) However you are interested in acting ahead, your best but now in through your social contacts and those you like and admirs so he with diese. CAPPLICORN: (December 22 to Jame ary 20) There are a member of other beaver contacts who try to four you to make some quick decisions but you would do better to confer quietly with as expert.

AQUARTIE: (Innerty 21 to February 19) A straight shooter has some magni-tions you may not like but they do fit the picture and the situation where you are

PUSCES: (February 20 to Musch 20)
Whatever you want to do of a worldly or
public nature should be unusually helptol to you so exten the project with
intensity and sinceptly of purpose.

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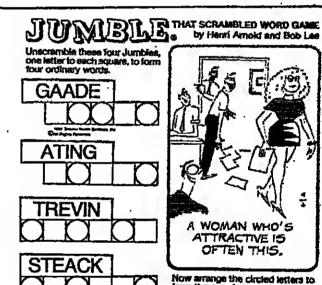
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Cypriot Pound	1.4600	1.4700

Index	15/9/1991 Close .	16/9/1991 Close
All-Share **	116.79	116.96
Banking Sector	99.28	98.64
Insurance Sector	119.31	.119.12
Industry Sector ***	142_87	. 144_58
Services Sector	127.42	125.95

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R)) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession

on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

1.7428/38

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Business chief praises ant-like work habits

France announces tax breaks for small firms to combat record unemployment

BORDEAUX, France (Agencies) — French Prime Minister Edith Cresson Monday announced tax breaks for small business in a drive to revive a sluggish economy and combat record unemployment - but industry leaders dismissed the plan.

Government officials said that while small firms were the backbone of the French economy, they were less dynamic than their German rivals, partly because of. financial frailty.

"France cannot trail behind Germany in the construction of Europe," Mrs. Cresson told a small business convention in the southwestern city of Bordeaux. The Cresson plan involved us-

ing increased capital gains tax, which mainly targets banks and investment companies, to finance tax cuts and investment incentives worth \$.25 billion francs (\$1.45 billion) for smaller com-

The government will raise an additional 11 billion francs (\$2 billion) next year by increasing gains tax.

Mrs. Cresson said the measures would be "funded by the proceeds of financial speculation." The head of the French employers' federation, Francois Perigot, accused the government of "dipping into the pockets of one set of firms to help another." Unemployment stands at 9.5 per cent of the workforce, higher

day described as "stupid" the

proposed division of the \$60 bil-

lion Soviet external debt among

"This talk in my country about

publics and then the official ...

reserves is in the long run stn-

pid," said Viktor Gerashchenko,

Mr. Gerashchenko told a news

"It is unthinkable and stupid to

consider that the Western bank-

ing and financial community will

agree to any kind of split among

Several Soviet officials have

recently advocated splitting the

debt. Last week, Deputy Foreign

Minister Ernest Obminsky said

Moscow and the republics should

address urgently the question of

nce the Soviet Union was

airman of Gosbank.

able to honour all its debt.

the republics," he said.

the 15 constituent republics.

Central bank head

Soviet foreign debt

shuns idea of dividing

LONDON (R) — The Soviet dividing the debt.
Union's central bank chief Mon- Asked whether it would be

"This talk in my country about not ability to pay."
splitting the debt among the reHe said Western governments

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO - Hopes of an interest rate cut and a stronger yen drove the market higher but it surrendered some early gains. The Nikkei

SYDNEY — The market slipped slightly as rising local currency offset expected gains from New York's rally overnight. The All Ordinaries closed 1.3 points down at 1,555.g.

HONG KONG - Stocks finished easier after a day of listless

trade. The Hang Seng Index dropped 14.82 points, closing at 3,938.71.

SINGAPORE — Stock prices closed lower in thin trade. The Straits Times Industrial Index fell 9.79, closing at 1,394.88

BOMBAY -- Prices fell after the Bombay stock exchange banned

forward trading in 20 volatile shares to calm an overheated market. The BSE Index closed 33.80 points down at 1,878.55.

Average closed 309.18 points up at 23,443.61.

than in most international competitors, and is still rising.

Mrs. Cresson says small businesses, which employ twothirds of the workforce, could make a significant contribution to creating jobs but only if long-

Apart from a lower corporate profit tax, which will benefit all firms, the biggest boost to small firms will come from a cut in the rate of the interim tax payments that they make.

To encourage investment, small companies will receive a tax credit if they increase their capital

by at least 25 per cent.

Officials said the plan did not involve increased deficit spending for the government or a higher overall tax burden. The 1992 budget, to be presented to the cabinet Wednesday, would retain Finance Minister Pierre Beregovoy's tight fiscal constraints, they

"This is only a first step, a shot in the arm for certain areas the prime minister considers most urgent. There is more to come,"

The government also wants to tackle the slow payment of debts to small suppliers by big com-panies, which Mrs. Cresson says is at the root of many bankruptcies among small firms.

It will also address the poor

export performance of French

better for the Soviet Union to

reschedule its debts, Mr. Gerash-

chenko said it would continue to

pay. "It is a question of liquidity,

could make it easier for Moscow

by restructuring debt service pay-ments but admitted that this

would put commercial bankers

Mr. Gerashchenko said his

ideal for the future of banking in

the Soviet Union was similar to

the system in the United States.

whether 12 Federal Reserve

banks control districts under a

He said this would be most

acceptable to foreign investors

and warned against central banks'

in the republics having the right.

to issue notes or having their own

central board in Washington.

even more on their guard.



small business compared to that of German firms and do more to ease foreign investment in French siness, officials said.

Sharply lower than expected economic growth, forecast to reach barely one per cent this year, has hit government revenues and put pressure on budget plans for 1992.

Mrs. Cresson, whose public approval rating has plunged to barely 30 per cent just four months after her appointment, was greeted by demonstrations by ospace workers and farmers in



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U.N. document promises more aid, debt reduction to Africa without specifics

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Wealthy nations promised to help reduce Africa's staggering debt and pledged more foreign aid but declined to commit themselves to specific targets, according to a document released Monday.

A committee of all General Assembly members ended 11days of deliberations over the weekend on a U.N. recovery programme for Africa following the failure of a previous five-year

Nevertheless the document, "The United Nations' New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s," sets a general goal of helping to reduce Africa's \$270 billion debt and provides for follow-up sessions in 1993.

Norwegian Ambassador Mar-tin Husslid, who chaired the session, told reporters that he regretted there was not a higher level of representation at the conference but emphasised that the new programme was stronger on specifics than previous ones

volve government activities and not only U.N. agencies.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar as well as most Africa states wanted governments to cancel official debt and work out ways to reduce monies owed to commercial banks and multilateral institutions. This is referred to in the document but nations are not committed in carrying it out.

The secretary-general also recommended an increase of aid to \$30 billion by 1992 from \$21 billion in 1989 and continuing to raise it by four per cent annually until the year 2000. The docu-ment approved this as a goal but left methods of attaining it vague.

In addition he proposed an African diversification fund for technical assistance to ease a chronic dependence on primary commodities. The new report recommends he undertake a study on the need and feasibility of such a fund and report to the General.

Assembly in 1993. a target average growth rate of gross national product of at least six per cent per year for the 1990s and note that African nations could redirect military expenditures to other sectors of the eco-

Salim Lone, spokesman for the U.N. Africa Recovery Programme, said some African delegates were disappointed the document did not yield more. But he said others noted wealthy nations did commit themselves to more aid and more debt relief "and that's not a small thing to have from the

The past two weeks of deliberation were a follow up to a 1986 five-year programme that was seen as a watershed in committing wealthy nations to supply resources for development. In turn, African nations promised to restructure their economies, reduce waste and reallocate govern-

Canada introduces back-to-work bill for striking workers economy and on individual Canadians," Treasury Board President ter introducing the bill.

area in Shmeisani, near Tyche Hotel.

OTTAWA (R) — The Canadian government, arguing that the economy has suffered from a week-long public sector strike, introduced legislation Monday ordering an end to the work stoppage despite rancous protests by 20,000 demonstrators.

Opposition parties planned to block the bill's passage for several days saying that the ruling conservatives should negotiate and not legislate.

The strike by 70,000 workers, which entered its second week Monday, has paralysed grain shipments, caused flight delays at some airports and slowed goods moving across the border with the United States,

"The government is increasingly concerned about the impact the strike is having on the Canadian Cyprus in Amman announces that Mr. Mahmoud Mohammad Hamed of Amman is no more an employee of the consulate effective 12/9/1991, and therefore has nothing to do with the consulate's affairs.

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Yugoslav Navy blockades Croatian ports

launched fierce punitive attacks in a major blow to ceasefire talks sides. with European Community (EC) peace envoy Lord Carrington.

The navy blocked the ports of Split. Pula, Rijeka, Zadar, Sibenik. Ploce and Dubrovnik from early morning, cutting a vital economic lifeline to the rebel republic in retaliation for a block-

Croatian Radio said the navy and army joined forces in a land and sea attack the southern city of Sibenik and the army made big gains in the south and northeast as it tried to liberate military EC proposal to send armed bases captured by Croatian fight-

The radio reported seven more deaths in heavy fighting across the republic, including two foreign reporters, taking the death toll in the last four days to about

It said the fiercest battles were at a strategic bridge near Sibenik and around a military base in the northeastern town of Osijek. Airraid sirens wailed in the Croatian capital Zagreb for the third suc-

Lord Carrington, chairman of

BELGRADE (R) — The Yugos- an EC peace conference on lav Navy blockaded seven ports Yugoslavia, arrived in the southin Croatia Tuesday and the army ern Adriatic resort of Igalo where he was due to meet the warring

> He held out little hope of success in the closed talks with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Yngoslav Defence Minister General Veljko Kadijevic.

"I don't expect anything. What ade of military bases by Croatian I hope is that as a result of this meeting we may find that there is a real and genuine ceasefire throughout the whole of the country," he said after flying into Yugoslavia Monday night.

The talks are sure to cover an peacekeeping forces to Yugosla-via, an idea which Serbia

Yugoslavia, its efforts to end the bloodshed have so far failed and Croatia has threatened to pull out of peace talks if the fighting gets

Fighting began in Croatia when Serbs rebelled against the republic's independence declaration of June 25. Almost 500 people have been killed in the republic since then, pushing the country of 23.5 million people towards collapse.

The Serbian-led armed forces have been deployed in Croatia to act as a buffer between Croats and Serbs, but the Croatian authorities accuse the military of backing the Serbs.

In a sign that the clashes could suck in the rest of Yugoslavia, Belgrade newspapers said Tuesday that many towns ontside Croatia had started mobilising volunteers.

The sea blockade will be a huge economic blow for Croatia if it holds, severing key supply routes. Rijeka is the port where oil arrives for passage to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

In the first known application of the blockade, an Italian ferry, the Tiziano, was prevented from entering Split harbour.

"All ships and floating craft are panned from either putting into or leaving the listed ports. Any disrespect for this decision will be treated according to the rules of the Yugosiav Navy's combat use of forces," Yugoslav News Agen-

cy, Tanjug, said.
"The Naval Regional Command points ont that it has decided to take such a step after several days of full blockade applied to barracks, military schools and academies, hospitals and other military facilities as well as

opposes sending any foreign Croatia has cut off water, food troops, adding to the obstacles to an accord in Igalo. and power to federal military installations on its territory and

Italy said Tuesday it would be says it has forced the surrender of willing to send troops to Yngoslavia as part of a Western Enropean Union (WEU) peacekeeping force.

Foreign Minister Gianni de Michelis has received approval from President Francesco Cossia, who is head of the armed forces, to participate in a force if the WEU decides to send one, the Foreign Ministry said.

Foreign and defence ministers of the nine-nation WEU will meet Thursday in the Hague to consider a proposal to send troops to act as a barrier between the warring factions in Yugosla-

Portugal said Tuesday it opposed sending a European peacekeeping force to Yugoslavia and preferred U.N. troops be used in the event of external military intervention.

"We are talking more about blue helmets (U.N. peacekeep-ers) than a European Community force," Foreign Minister Joao de Deus Pinheiro told foreign jour-

But he said: "I don't see at this moment any chance of putting in a force to separate the two sides.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Albania joins CSCE

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) - Albanian President Ramiz Alia has said he would return home and remain in office despite mass demonstrations last week in the capital, Tirana, demanding his resignation. "The democratic process has begun in Albania. (There is) a transition to a new system of society which is based on market economy, on a multi-party system ... and a respect for human rights," Mr. Alia told a news conference. "The fact that people are free to express their views also of the president shows that democracy is advancing, that people say what they think." Mr. Alia said. "I have been elected by parliament and I will be responsible to the parliament." Mr. Alia spoke to reporters after signing the Helsinki Human Rights Accords, making Albania the latest country in Europe to formally join the Conference on Security and Cooperation (CSCE). The signing ceremony was held in Finlandia Hall where 35 world leaders put their names on the 1975 document aimed at reducing East-West tensions.

Soviet foreign minister to visit Sweden

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin will visit Sweden Tuesday to study the country's social and economic system, his spokesman has said. Spokesman Vitaly Churkin told a news briefing Mr. Pankin would spend two days in Stockholm "to draw the attention of Soviet public opinion to the Swedish experience in economic and political structures." Mr. Churkin but ruled out a visit to the Middle East for the time being.

India captures 136 rebels in Assam

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian soldiers captured 136 guerrillas and smashed 12 rebel training camps in the oil-rich state of Assam, news reports said Monday. The operation began Sunday night and included the use of aircraft, United News of India (UNI) reported. Troops sealed the state borders to prevent rebels of the United Liberation Front of Assam from fleeing. The crackdown in Assam, a state 1,500 kilometres east of New Delhi, followed a week of strikes by more than 47,000 workers of a state-owned oil company. The workers were protesting the killing of a colleague kidnapped by rebels.

BELFAST (AP) - A bomb exploded near the village of Swatragh 55 kilometres northwest of Belfast early Tuesday, killing a policeman and injuring three soldiers, police reported. No group immediately claimed responsible for the pre-dawn attack. Police headquarters in Belfast said in a statement that the explosion occurred as a joint police and British army patrol consisting if four vehicles was crossing a bridge just outside the

Drug dealer testifies against Noriega

MIAMI (AP) — A former drug dealer with a \$3 million price on his head took the stand in Manuel Noriega's drug trial and

Bush concerned about Angolan peace

Germany's largest lift bridge collapses

Germany's largest lift bridge in dense fog, collapsing an 84-metre section of the span into the Elbe River in Hamburg. One person was injured, police said. The freighter Stanislaw Kulczynski, which had a harbour pilot on board and was being escorted by a tow boat, slammed into a fixed section of the bridge instead of passing through the mid-section that had been lifted, port authorities said. One of two bridge operators received slight

Zaire national conference resumes

KINSHASA (R) — Zaire's much-delayed national conference on political change has resumed after a break of nearly a month but dissovled in uproar almost immediately. Opposition delegates tried to storm the podium and tore up an official report on conference accreditation after Chairman Isaac Kalonji refused to let a member of the anti-government Union for Democracy and Social Progress take the floor. Troops intervened to restore order and escort Mr. Kalonji from the hall. It was not clear when the

Pakistani columnist shot dead

Kalfu apologises for remark

have died in flooding, officials and news reports said Tuesday. The state-owned Bangladesh News Agency (BSS) said Monday's casualties from drowning and waterborne diseases raised the death toll to 245 in two weeks of flooding. The annual summer their banks. At least two million people lost their homes or

said Mr. Pankin would then fly to New York for a session of the United Nations General Assembly. He suggested Mr. Pankin could stop elsewhere on his return to Moscow early next month

N. Ireland bomb kills policeman

recounted the workings of the Midellin cocaine cartel without mentioning the former Panamanian dictator. Max Mermelstein, who said he imported 55 tonnes of cocaine into the United States, was first Monday in what is expected to be a long parade of traffickers-turned-informants to testify for the prosecution. Mermelstein, who is in the federal witness protection programme, has said Colombia's Medellin cartel offered \$3 million for his death when he was arrested in 1985 and began cooperating with the U.S. government. He told the court he joined the cartel in the early 1980s. U.S. district Judge William Hoeveler asked courtroom Sketch artists not to draw Mermelstein's face.

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush met Monday with Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and expressed concern with what he said was slow progress in implementing the peace agreement that ended the country's 16-year civil war last May. The unusual meeting between a U.S. president and the leader of a country which the United States doesn't recognise brought a promise from Mr. Dos Santos that troop movements covered by the peace agreement would be completed by the end of the month, a senior U.S. official said. A statement issued by White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater emphasised the concerns Bush expressed during the meeting but Mr. Dos Santos told reporters afterward be was pleased with the Oval Office visit.

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - A Polish freighter has rammed

conference would resume

LAHORE (R) — Gunmen shot dead Pakistani newspaper Columnist Mian Abdul Rashid in what Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called a "terrorist" act. Mr. Rashid's relatives were quoted by police as saying the attack at the family house was carried out by two unidentified gunmen who escaped from the scene. There was no information about the motive of the murder of Mr. Rashid, who has been writing Islamic religious columns in the Urdn-language daily Nawa-I-Waqt (Voice of the Time).

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Premier Toshiki Kaifu, anxious not to offend powerful allies in Washington, apologised Tuesday for saying U.S. politicians lacked ethics. Mr. Kaifu told parliament last Friday politicians running for the United States Congress were unethical because they used excessive campaign funds. "I don't think American candidates observe very strict ethical codes (in campaigns)," be told a lower house panel. Fearful of a backlash from the United States, Mr. Kaifu decided to apologise after consulting aides over the weekend. On Tuesday, a solemnlooking Kaifu apologised before the same panel. "It was inappropriate of me to use the word 'ethics' in my remarks and I regret (the incident)," be said. "What I meant to say was that the United States does not have a system like ours ... so there are no rigid restrictions on campaign spending as in Japan."

16 more die in Bangiadesh floods

DHAKA (AP) - Rain-swollen rivers that inundated northern Bangladesh have started receding, but at least 16 more people monsoon has caused rivers throughout the region to overflow

Philippines delays U.S. pullout until referendum

MANILA (R) - The Philippine government told the United States Tuesday it could delay withdrawing its troops from the country until a referendum later this year on whether they should

President Corazon Aquino said she would hold the referendum in an attempt to overturn Monday's landmark. decision by the Senate to reject a new military treaty with Washington and evict U.S.

Foreign Secretary Raul Man-glapus told Washington Tuesday in a diplomatic note that the Philippines would hold the re-ferendum before the end of December to decide whether U.S. forces would remain in the former American colony.

"It is our definite and sincere perception that the people want the treaty and we're going to give them a chance to approve it," Mr. Manglapus told a news con-

Because of the planned referendum, Mr. Manglapus said American troops would not have to start withdrawing immediately despite the expiry of the lease on its military bases.

On the day the old pact expired Monday, the Senate rejected a new treaty negotiated by Mr. Manglapus which would have let U.S. forces stay for 10 more years in return for \$2.2 billion. The decision to end the almost

century-long U.S. military presence prompted dancing in the streets by anti-bases demonstra-Bnt Mrs. Aquino, helped to

power by the United States in a popular revolt five years ago, is determined to keep U.S. troops, saying her heavily-indebted country needs the money.

Anti-bases senators reject the referendum, saying the move is

unconstitutional. In the diplomatic note handed to the U.S. embassy, Mr. Man-glapus said bewas withdrawing a notice of termination" for the bases agreement presented to the United States a year ago, which would have required the 5,000

U.S. servicemen to leave. He declined to say when the United States would now have to start withdrawing from its Subic Naval Base, the largest ship repair yard in Asia which services the seventh fleet,

The U.S. will give up Clark Air Base anyway because it was badly damaged in an eruption by Mount Pinatubo volcano in June. Mrs. Aquino met her cabinet

Tuesday to discuss action after the Senate rejection by 12 votes "The rejection of the treaty has made it even more difficult for the economy to function and be-

nefit this country," said Aquino spokesman Tomas Gomez. **But Economic Planning Secret**ary Cayetano Paderanga said loss of U.S. compensation for the term impact. He said it could shave 0.5 per cent off the anticipated growth in gross national product next year of 3.9 per cent.

Mrs. Aquino's Executive Secretary, Franklin Drilon, said the government was prepared for an eventual U.S. withdrawal, but the planned referendum meant that "the rejection (of the treaty) is not yet final so far as we are concerned."

Mrs. Aquino said Monday she was confident she would obtain the three million signatures necessary for a referendum to overturn Senate rejection of a new U.S. military bases treaty.

CIA nominee contrite as confirmation hearings start

WASHINGTON (R) — Robert such wilful ignorance is inexcus-Gates, President George Bush's able," said Democratic Senator choice to run the U.S. Central Howard Metzenbaum. Intelligence Agency (CIA), admitted Monday that he had mishandled his role in what became the Iran-contra scandal.

statement before the Senate committee weighing his nomination, said then-CIA Director William Casey kept him in the dark about Mr. Gates told the Senate Intelligence Committee that he

wanted to speak about "the misjudgments that I made and the lessons I learned." Mr. Gates was Mr. Casey's deputy when the scandal began

rocking Ronald Reagan's pres-

idency in late 1986. Mr. Casey died in May 1987. The affair, made public in November 1986 by then-Attorney General Edwin Meese, involved dodging a congressional ban on aid to Nicaragua's contra rebels by sending them profits skimmied

In a 67-part questionnaire released by the panel, Mr. Gates said be was unable to recall his role in events related to Irancontra in at least 33 instances,

from secret arm; sales to Iran.

according to one count. Several senators criticised Mr. Gates for his professed lack of knowledge about the diversion of

funds to the contras. 'Yon were absolutely surrounded by the truth — how

The assertion that Mr. Gates must have known about the diversion is based on the notion But Mr. Gates, in an opening perhaps engineered" the affair, as Sen. Metzenbaum put it, and that Mr. Gates's subordinates were also aware of it.

> The theory hinges on an admission by Alan Fiers, ex-chief of the CIA's Central American operations, in July that he was involved in a coverup at the request of ex-covert operations chief Clair George. Then Mr. Gates's immediate subordinate.

Mr. Gates, in response to questions, testified that neither Mr. Casey nor Mr. George had informed him of the diversion of funds, which tarnished the Reagan administration in its last

He said Mr. Casey apparently withheld the truth from him "to shield CIA as an institution." In other words, Mr. Gates suggested, Mr. Casey sought to cap any institutional harm by restricting those who knew of the

Mr. Bush seemed to approve of Mr. Gates's mea culpa. "I suppose what he's saying is that, with a lot of hindsight, he wishes he did things differently, and I guess we all" feel that way, Mr. Bush told reporters.

"I wish the damn thing had never happened (because) we've could you possibly not know? As spent so much time on it," Mr. number two man at the agency, Bush added.

9 killed as Pretoria seeks to implement pact

hundreds of soldiers.

annihilated."

Croats in Osijek.

said.

The army replied with a tough

statement Monday, saying: "Our

patience and endurance have

reached the limit ... all those who

attack the Yugoslav army will he

In a new offensive that has

forced Croatian units to retreat in

southern Croatia, army tanks

moved to within a kilometre of a

key bridge in Sibenik controlled

by the Croatian forces and a

fierce battle was raging, the radio

A 22-hour battle with mortars

The radio said more than 1,000

and artillery continued around

army barracks taken by the

mortars rained on villages in the

nearby Nova Gradiska area and

seven people were killed, includ-

ing two unnamed foreign journal-

called Monday for an emergency

debate in the United Nations

Security Council and appealed

for peacekeeping forces to be

Serbia, the biggest republic,

sent to Croatia and Serbia.

Yugoslav President Stipe Mesic

THOKOZA, South Africa (R) - said two people were killed. Shantytown residents said police shot and killed two people in a pre-dawn clash Tuesday and blacks hacked and clubbed seven fellow blacks to death in South Africa's township conflict.

Police said they were fired on patrolling the Phola Park squatter settlement east of Johannesburg at about 2 a.m. (midnight GMT). They returned fire and residents

"Approximately 20 rounds were fired and a constable Hattingh was wounded in his left leg. Police returned fire, but were unaware of anyone being hit," police spokesman David Bruce

Another police spokesman said with AK-47 antomatic rifles while one man was later found dead with a gunshot wound in the chest, but it was not clear whether he was killed by police. Residents blamed police for

the incident "They just opened fire on residents and killed two people without any provocation," said local leader Prince Mhlambi.

Police jostled with reporters and television cameramen who tried to film the bodies of the two

In Soweto, gunmen shot and killed an Inkatha member in a train, brining to 14 the number of people killed in political violence since Sunday.

Jackson urged to make **3rd bid for presidency**

WASHINGTON (R) - Backers New Hampshire become the first of two-time Democratic Party presidential candidate Jesse Jackson have urged him to make a third try for the nomination, a top

aide said Monday. Rev. Jackson, 49, a black civil rights leader, plans to make a decision "within several weeks," spokesman Frank Watkins said. About 250 people from 29 states met with Rev. Jackson here

Sunday in a discussion that lasted until nearly midnight. (CNN) to be host of a television show under contract terms that presidency.

The liberal Rev. Jackson got over seven million votes in state primary elections in his 1988 bid for the nomination. He has repeatedly told reporters that he could win against President to win re-election on Nov. 3,

The U.S. presidential camdivergent Democratic Party field about running.

All face a formidable challenge domestic policy.

states to select nominating delegates, three official Democratic challengers are in the race and at least three others are lining up to face the popular Republican pres-

Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, 51, an unabashed liberal, became the third announced candidate Sunday, joining Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder, 50, a fiscal conservative who announced Friday, and former Senator Par Rev. Jackson is considering an of Massachusetts, 50, a moderoffer from Cable News Network ate, would-be party reformer, who declared on April 30.

Other weighing entry include would not allow him to seek the Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, 45, a political moderate, Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, 48, a liberal former governor and Vietnam War hero, and former California Governor Jerry Brown, an unorthodox liberal.

Congressman Dave McCurdy, George Bush, a heavey favourite an Oklahoma moderate who chairs the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee but is little known outside Congress paign is livening up with a widely or his home state, is also thinking

attacks on President Bush's if they win the right during the Democratic presidential nominat-Five months before Iowa and ing convention next July in New



Jesse Jackson

expected to formally announce his re-election bid in early 1992. Mr. Bush, the .. st popular president in over 50 years of modern opinion surveys, has seen his 90 per cent approval rating slip since its peak as the Gulf war ended in February, but nevertheless it is still high at about a 70 per-

Yet, in an apparent contradiction, surveys show little approval of Mr. Bush's coping with the economy — rising slowly from recession — and other domestic concerns less than 14 months before the Nov. 3, 1992, presidential election.

Also, a majority of people tell pollsters the country is on the wrong track, representing a pessimistic populace.

Vavuniya district injured 14 civi-

lians and four rebel fighters, resi-

The bomb exploded Monday at

the office where passes are issued

for civilians to travel to and from

the rebel-controlled north, they

dents said Tuesday.

4 troops die in heavy Sri Lanka fighting

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sri the dense jungles of Mullaitivu Ever jungle battle with the rebels.

Lankana troops have pushed to occupied by the Liberation Tigers within 400 metres of a major of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who are in the northern rebel-controlled spite fierce resistance, a military in the north and east. spokesman said Tuesday.

dies were killed and 30 wounded in heavy fighting Monday near out about 1,000 Tigers at the tion. He said the rebels were camp so far. believed to have suffered heavy

The camp is one of about 15 in the army has called the biggest-planted the bomb.

mas of being evasive and aban-

doning his conservative views

Monday as they questioned the

nominee for a seat on the power-

ful Supreme Court for a fifth and

Mr. Thomas, 43, a black feder-

al judge, was nominated in July by President George Bush to

succeed Justice Thurgood Mar-

shall, a liberal and the first black

on the high court, which rules on

the constituionality of U.S. laws.

The court's decisions some-

times have ripples throughout the

Senator Edward Kennedy, a

Massachussetts Democrat, said

daily lives of Americans.

final day.

rebel base in the northeast de- fighting for their own homeland Soldiers, backed by the air The spokesman said four sol- force, launched Operation Light-

More than 500 guerrillas and 49 soldiers have been killed in what

Camp Michael, a key rebel posi- bases. They have captured one

There was no indication of who

U.S. Supreme Court nominee accused of toning down views WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Judge Thomas had toned down which way to vote and could not Senate Judiciary Committee his conservative ideology to seem members accused Clarence Thomore moderate and mainstream.

"I continue to have major concerns about your nomination and your commitment to fundamental liberties," Sen. Kennedy said. The committee of eight Democrats and six of Bush's fellow Republicans is holding hearings to decide whether to recommend

Judge Thomas's confirmation to the full Senate. Senators said Monday that they he said. expected Judge Thomas would be

"If be was voted on today he'd get Senate confirmation," said Senator Howell Heflin, An Ala-

bama Democrat. But Mr.Hefflin

predict how the committee would

Pennsylvania, the Republican most critical of Judge Thomas, said be expected the judge would be approved and would join one of the conservative factions of the nine-member Supreme Court. "I think he is going to be a member of the revisionist court.

Senator Aplen Specter of

The court under the leadership of Chief Justice William Rehnquist is called revisionist because it is rolling back many of the decisions on social issues made during the years when liberal said he had not made up his mind justices were in the majority.

The question is which branch?"



marathon? Have

coach run some of it

BRUSSELS (R) - Aleering meaner Abbes Tehami had a novel ploy for winning the anoual Brusseis Marathon — he got his coach to run the first 15 kilometres for him. Officials said Monday Tchami was immediately disqualified after he crossed the finishing line. raising his arms aloft in victory despite being jeered by an angry crowd. Sharp-eyed journalists had sported that the runner wearing number 62 had lost his mountache and grown taller since the start of Sunday's race. The jour-nalists reported this to race orga-nisers, who discovered Tehani's coach had run the first part and then banded the jersey and namber over to the runner. "We noticed that number 62 was taller, and he did not have a mountache," said one official, adding Tehami had hoped to collect the 250,000-Belgian franc (\$7,200) first prize. Tehami later disappeared and could not be traced for comment. Soviet runner Anatoly Karepanov was declared the winner in two hours, 18 mimutes four seconds.

Hong Kong police swoop on fake bird's nest racket

HONG KONG (R) — Hong Kong customs officers have smashed a syndicate making fake birds' nests, detaining four women, one man and nearly 160 kg (352 pounds) of spurious nests. Genuine swifts' nests are regarded by Chinese as a medicine and delicacy. The government information service said Tuesday that officials began a week-long investigation after a customer complained about a nest he bought at a Hong Kong shop. A government laboratory found the fake nests to be compposed of Malaysian tree gum, bearing the appearance of wet swifts' nests, Customs Department information officer Albert Lim said. The five people will be charged under the British colony's trade description ordinance. Officials said it was the first such case in Hong Kong.

Matisse heirs give paintings to France in tax deai

PARIS (R) - The heirs of postimpressionist artist Henri Matisse have agreed to donate 36 works by modern masters to the French state in lien of inheritance taxes, the Ministry of Culture said Monday. The ministry said Jacqueline, Paul and Pierre-Noel Matisse had offered a selection of works by Cezane, Roualut, Dubuffet, Giacometti and Miro as well as 25 by Matisse to settle taxes on the estate of their father, New York art dealer Pierre Matisse, the painter's son. The Matisse works, which will go on display in the National Modern Art Museum in Paris's Pompidou Centre, are 13 sculptures and 12 paintings. drawings and gouaches. The Cezanne, to he displayed at the riverside Orsay Museum, is a portriat of the artist's wife. The ministry did not

disclose the value of the works. indonesian civii servants put play before work

JAKARTA (R) - Four out of five Indonesian civil servants are late for work and most just play cards or read newspapers when they get there, the armed forces newspaper Angkatan Bersenjata said Monday. It quoted an official at the state-run Indonesian Sciences Institute as saying only 22 per cent of the 1.6 million civil servants in the capital Jakarra got to work on time, and most left early. Only about 20 per cent really did their job, be said. "The rest come to the office to read newspapers, play card games and are preoccupied with lottery numbers," the official told a meeting.

Israeli, 85, offers big bucks for bride

TEL AVIV (R) -- An 85-yearold israeli man is looking for a young woman to bear him a heir and is offering one million shekels (\$430,000) to the woman he decides is right for the job, the Hadashot newspaper reported Monday. "I will demand that she give me at least one child, but if she wants more I can handle five," Naftali Strudler was quoted as saying. "Sex is very important in our agreement," be added. A picture of the elderly structer. sitting on an exercise bicycle. appeared in several Israeli papers with reports of his offer.